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To: Mr. Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers, Eng. Nicolás Posse

cc: Mr. President of CONICET, Dr. Daniel Salamone

cc: Board of Directors of CONICET

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Dear Mr Posse,

Just as so many of my colleagues, I am saddened and appalled by the recent news about Argentina's Science and Technology policy that reverberates through the entire world.

Brutal cutting in funding of PhD fellowships and firing of employees in research institutions has always turned out to be very short-sighted and counterproductive policy. It indeed durably undermines the confidence of the national and international scientific community, and induces a brain drain that weakens the standing of argentinian Science. This is terribly damaging since trust in the scientific community and support for a thriving pool of talented young brains has been proved to be key for innovation and advances, that are in turn so crucial for many positive things, including economic development in today's world.

I very much hope that reason will prevail and that these misconceived measures will be reverted.

Respectfully yours,

Wendelin Werner