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Mr. Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers, Engineer Nicolás Posse
c.c. Mr. President of CONICET, Dr. Daniel Salamone
c.c. Members of the Board of Directors of CONICET

Dear Gentlemen,

I am writing to express my concern and disappointment at dismantling of the highly efficient Argentinian National Science and Technology System. With a relatively small budget, this system managed to maintain Argentinian science at a world-class level and to support traditional centers of excellence.

Stopping all support for research in Argentina will kill science and technology development for decades to come. Historical examples show that it may take hundreds of years to build a knowledge ecosystem and it takes a few years to destroy it.

I am writing to urge you to listen to your common sense and to save Argentinian Science and Technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Zelmanov".

Efim Zelmanov,

Fields Medal winner,
Member of the USA National Academy of Sciences