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Dear Dr. Barnes,

At their meeting on February 2019, the trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) reviewed the annual report of the Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute (EMBI) at the University of Arizona (UA). The trustees are pleased to note the progress in many areas of the research in age related cognitive decline and memory loss.

Again, the trustees commend you and your staff on the very attractive format and ease of review of the annual report. The report is comprehensive, the topics are displayed well and provide useful information.

The trustees applaud your recent election to membership of the National Academy of Science in recognition of your tremendous research productivity and significance of your work throughout the international research community. Under your leadership there continues to be a significant increase in extramural funding from national funding agencies for investigators affiliated with the EMBI at the UA.

The trustees are impressed with and commend your individual role in developing and expanding the educational programs focusing on age related memory loss at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as the expanded programs for caregivers and elder care.

The trustees are pleased to note the completion and submission of the cooperative research grant (U19) to establish a Precision Aging Network centered at the University of Arizona with the participation of three other research sites. Although a very ambitious project, its success will have a potentially beneficial impact on the global population by closing the gap in the knowledge between the "Cognitive Healthspan" and the "Human Lifespan".

The success of the fund development program which has been dedicated to target donors to specifically match the gift from the MBRF in support of the research programs at the EMBI at the UA continues to be disappointing. However, the trustees recognize and appreciate that the University of Arizona has met the commitment defined in the Gift Agreement by transferring funds to the EMBI equivalent to the amount of the investment income as if the match had been met.

The trustees also express their strong appreciation for your leadership among and between the McKnight Brain Institutes within the leadership council.

Sincerely,

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