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Mrs. Myong Kim c/o
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Dear Mrs. Kim:

On behalf of the UBC Faculty of Medicine, please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your husband, Dr. Seung U. Kim. While I did not have the honour of meeting Dr. Kim, I understand from Dr. Jon Stoessl that he made many important contributions to our understanding of regenerative medicine and its application in neurological diseases and cancer.

We are grateful for Dr. Kim's research leadership within the UBC Department of Medicine, and for his efforts to elucidate the possibilities for stem cell-based and gene-based therapies, including the potential obstructions to the use of such therapies in clinical settings. As our research community continues to expand its focus on accelerating translational medicine, it is vital that we consider the potential challenges alongside the possibilities of any research endeavour, so that new knowledge can be developed into tangible improvements in clinical care as quickly as possible.

Dr. Kim will be remembered by our community for his tireless commitment to stem cell research, and for his work to offer hope to people with deteriorative diseases. I hope you are as proud as we are of all that Dr. Kim was able to accomplish.

May you be well as you remember this remarkable man.

Sincerely,

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