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Mr. Wilfred Marshall
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Dear Mr. Marshall

I wish to express my fullest support for the lab incubator to be based at the UCI Research Park, also known as University Lab Partners. This business development will not allow my company to succeed but will allow UCI-based start-ups to thrive.

Debut Biotechnology creates high value enzymes to reduce the cost and time of manufacturing while creating novel approaches in demand in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and alcoholic beverage sector. Our company not only focuses on better ways to make medicines, but our technology is highly attractive to the alcoholic beverage sector. In fact, one of our first partnerships is with E & J Gallo on revolutionizing the wine industry. Our needs are much the same as a typical biotechnology company. We require wet lab space to create new high value products, and dry lab space to commercialize them. Currently, there is no wet lab space in Irvine. All the biotech companies I am aware of have had to relocate to San Diego or Carlsbad – this is unacceptable as high levels of talent are leaving Irvine. The proposed business venture will fix that and retain talent at the local level.

Our company will be employing five scientists in the beginning, but by the third year, this number will be increased to 15. These are all very highly skilled scientists whom have expertise in protein manufacturing, purification, and alcoholic beverage creation. Additionally, the patents our business is focused on is licensed from UCI, thus, it is imperative that a close relationship be maintained between my company and the scientific inventors at UCI.

In summary, University Lab Partners is addressing a scientific void in the Orange County area. Long have we waited for this advancement. I look forward the day this laboratory is set-up, as we are planning to move in straight away.

Regards,
Joshua Britton, PhD
Founder and CEO
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