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President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Lyles College of Engineering at California State University, Fresno (Fresno State) is committed to providing curricular and co-curricular opportunities to our students and graduates so that they can be better prepared to take on challenges at the grandest humanities scale.

Fresno State is located in the San Joaquin Valley region of California, a region not only well known for agriculture, but also for its great economic and social diversity. Fresno State is a Hispanic Service Institution (HSI) and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI). About 60% of the students attending our university are first generation college students, and about 55% of the students enrolled in the Lyles College of Engineering are from groups traditionally under-represented in the engineering professions.

The Lyles College of Engineering is partnering with various programs at the University to provide the following opportunities to our students:

- Undergraduate research and projects
- Innoventures: our new program to foster innovation and entrepreneurship
- Service Learning
- Study Abroad Experience

Over the next year, we will work on developing a formal Grand Challenge Scholars Program. We will ensure that students in this program have expertise in one or more of the areas listed above and exposure or experience in each of the others, providing opportunities for them to reflect on how such combined capabilities can empower them to become leaders in addressing societal challenges in the U.S. and abroad.

Sincerely,



Ram Nunna, Dean
Lyles College of Engineering