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Dear UConn Nation,

As by now you have learned in the media and from Chairman Toscano, I have made the difficult decision to step down as your President, effective June 30, and return to the faculty.

I will always be grateful for the privilege of leading this great University through the most challenging period in its history. Through the collective leadership and decision-making of the Board, administration and faculty, staff and students, UConn succeeded and supported its values in ways that few others did. Our communities remained safe while continuing to deliver one of the highest in-person residential college experiences in the country.

In addition, the University broke records for enrollment, applications, research, philanthropy, start-up company incubation, faculty inducted into national academies, and students winning national scholarships. We added talent and diversity to our faculty and senior leadership team, and we set ourselves on a path to a future that includes working to make UConn an anti-racist institution and to being the very best at bringing life-transformative educational experiences and emotionally supportive mentoring to every student.

I look forward to UConn's continued rise, and to supporting a smooth transition and whomever is chosen as Interim President by the Board on Wednesday. I also look forward to pursuing my love of research and teaching as a member of UConn's distinguished faculty. It is an exciting time in my field of laser and plasma accelerator research, and I look forward to pursuing some new questions I have been discussing with a former student and colleagues.

I am honored to have been the 16th President of Connecticut's public flagship University. And I am deeply grateful for the tremendous support that I and the University have received from the Board, the senior leadership team, faculty, staff and students, our generous donors, our dedicated legislators and Governor, our federal legislative leaders, industry advisers, and the citizens of the state we serve. Thank you all for your courage, commitment, and encouragement throughout my presidency.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Katsouleas
President, University of Connecticut