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Dear Mr. Balsells,

Dean Nick Alexopoulos recently told me that you are celebrating your 80th birthday this month. I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you on this personal milestone, and to thank you for your profound impact on our campus.

We are deeply grateful for your leadership in creating and supporting the Balsells Fellowship and the California-Catalonia Engineering Innovation Program, which have significantly strengthened our collaborations with Catalonia's university system to the benefit of students and faculty researchers here and in Catalonia. Your thoughtful contributions, combined with the talents of Professor Roger Rangel, have helped position UC Irvine as a global leader in engineering.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to the University of California, Irvine and to supporting excellence and innovation in engineering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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Chancellor