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Dear Dr. Aronson:

Congratulations on your efforts concerning the University defense project. I have wondered whether in preparation of the University position to attract this project, the University is using either State 0100 funds or Indirect Cost Recovery Funds for the development. It seems that we have a strong argument not to use State supported funds for teaching for such a project and also not to use Indirect Cost Recovery Funds, 2/3 of which I believe come from Health Sciences research projects in health, to create a stronger proposal for the defense research. The lines are blurred between right and wrong, and between the missions and values of a university and of industry.

I may be way off the mark, but simply want to raise the issue of the source of the development funds and resources the University may be offering.

Cordially

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