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Dear Dr. Youssef:

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and the leadership of our university, I write to acknowledge with thanks, your success in receiving \$376,176 - from the NSF Div of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation: Collaborative Research: Uncovering Ballistic Plasticity and Failure Mechanisms of Elastomeric Polymers.

Congratulations! Thanks for advancing the national reputation of SDSU!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Tong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" being the most prominent.

William G. Tong
Provost and Senior Vice President
Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Cc: Eugene Olevsky, Dean, College of Engineering
Patrick Kwon, Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering