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Office of the President
February 17, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

MICHAEL AND KATHERINE BALL GIFT AND
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH CHALLENGE TRUST FUND AND
ENDOWMENT MATCH PROGRAM

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept a gift of $1,000,000 from Michael and Katherine Ball of Lexington, Kentucky (the "Donors") to create and endow a professorship fund in the College of Medicine and submit this gift for matching funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Research Challenge Trust Fund (RCTF) and Endowment Match Program. Further, pursuant to guidelines approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education, that the Board of Trustees acknowledges its responsibility for UK's participation in and implementation of the RCTF program and for providing oversight of all university endowment funds.

Background: The 2022 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky approved a sixth round of funding for the Research Challenge Trust Fund. State matching funds are available only for new gift commitments made after July 1, 2022. UK will receive $20,000,000 in matching funds that must be designated for endowments specifically supporting initiatives in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health (i.e., STEM+H). Furthermore, the endowments are to support research activities to stimulate business development, increase externally sponsored research, to create better jobs and a higher standard of living, and facilitate Kentucky's transition to a knowledge-based economy. RCTF provides a dollar-for-dollar match *at a minimum*. UK will use the RCTF to match at a 2:1 ratio. As a result, UK will leverage $20,000,000 into $60,000,000.

The Donors have generously given $1,000,000 to endow a professorship fund named the "Katherine and Mike Ball Endowed Professor of Transplant" in the College of Medicine. This gift is eligible to receive matching funds.

In recognition of the significance of this gift, and with the consent of the Office of the Vice President for Research, the recommendation was made that the gift be submitted for matching funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Research Challenge Trust Fund at a gift-to-matching funds ratio of 2:1.

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Action taken: ☑ Approved ❑ Disapproved ❑ Other _____