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Dear Nariman:

I am very sorry that an out-of-state commitment prevents me from being with you this evening. We are grateful for the work that Marilyn Berman Pollans, Mary Lacey and Norine Walker have done to start an Advisory Board for the Women in Engineering Program. This evening's celebration announcing the formation of the Board is a wonderful opportunity to highlight its mission. Among other things, the Board will assist the Clark School of Engineering in the recruitment, retention and advancement of women in the field of engineering, and will identify sources of funding to carry out the program's goals. Both of these aims are essential to the future of engineering.

The University is strongly committed to the Women in Engineering Program. I am especially grateful to Marilyn, for her spirit and vision. More than anyone, she is responsible for making it happen, and she has continued to support it following her retirement.

Thanks also to everyone here tonight for your enthusiastic generosity and support, which will continue to be a wonderful gift to future generations of students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. D. Mote, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

C. D. Mote, Jr.  
President