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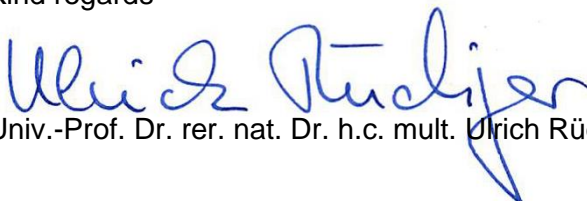
Dear Prof. Flanagan,

On behalf of RWTH Aachen University, I am honored to congratulate you on your appointment as the 14th President of the University of Alberta. You are beginning your presidency at a time of change and reorientation for the global community, while also faced with disruption and restructuring at the University of Alberta itself. From what I have heard, you are an optimistic and energetic innovator with a distinctive sense for social responsibility and thus the very best person for this position.

The University of Alberta has already achieved an excellent reputation, and we now look forward to seeing you lead this impressive institution towards an even brighter future. We all must do better when dealing with our present challenges – be it climate change, racism, or the pandemic of Covid-19. I believe we can all best excel if we work together, exchange ideas and concepts, encourage research and study visits, and thus lay the foundation for sustainable and responsible innovations. Therefore, I am very much looking forward to getting to know you in person as soon as the circumstances allow us to.

Until then, I would like to continue to foster the great relationship between our universities and wish you the best of luck and much success!

Kind regards



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