



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Anthony P. Monaco, *President*

February 5, 2019

Members of the City Council
City of Somerville
City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Councilors Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White, Scott, Ewan-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, and Davis:

We appreciate your sharing your concerns about Tufts University's connections with the Sackler family and Purdue Pharma through the adoption of Resolution #207370.

The university has always been and remains deeply committed to the highest ethical and scientific standards in research and education. The Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences was established in 1980 by Jean Mayer, then President, and the Board of Trustees to promote collaborative and interdisciplinary graduate education to advance health. In 1983, President Mayer and the Board of Trustees established the Arthur M. Sackler Center. In both cases, the naming gifts were provided to the university more than a decade before OxyContin was introduced to the marketplace.

The information raised in the Attorney General's lawsuit against Purdue Pharmaceuticals and other defendants is deeply troubling. We will be undertaking a review of Tufts' connection with Purdue to ensure that we were provided accurate information, that we followed our conflict of interest guidelines and that we adhered to our principles of academic and research integrity. Based on this review, we will determine if any changes need to be made moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Monaco".

Anthony P. Monaco
President

Enclosure

cc: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, City of Somerville
Mr. John J. Long, City Clerk
Ms. Mary R. Jeka, Senior Vice President for University Relations and General Counsel, Tufts University
Mr. Rocco Dirico, Director of Government and Community Relations, Tufts University