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Dear Friends of the Atkins Center for Weight and Health,

In the 15 years since I co-founded the Center for Weight and Health it has grown and thrived. We have led or significantly contributed to numerous projects, either on our own or with many partner organizations, that were designed to reduce the burden of disease at local, state and national levels. As Director of the Center I have been proud of our work and appreciative of the support that we received from our Berkeley colleagues.

However, organizational change is often beneficial and can help to ensure continued growth and effectiveness. With this in mind, I am writing to you today to inform you that as of the first of April I will be leaving the Atkins Center for Weight and Health for another UC system location--the new campus-wide Nutrition Policy Institute (NPI) at UC's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR). My position, along with the Center's current staff, contracts, and grants, will officially move from UC Berkeley to UC ANR. As we are moving within the UC system, I expect the transition to go smoothly and have no major impact on those who have been working with us at the Center.

I am looking forward to expanding the work that I began at the Center for Weight and Health in cooperation with the NPI director, Dr. Lorrene Ritchie, with whom I have worked for over a decade at the Atkins Center. I respect her work and am confident that our joint efforts at the new Institute will help to strengthen and transform the work to which we are both committed.

Again, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to my colleagues who have supported the creation and direction of the Center for Weight and Health. The Center could not have arrived at this exciting stage in its growth without the assistance and support of our many partners and supporters. I look forward to our continued collaboration in the future.

With regards,

Pat Crawford, DrPH, RD
Director, Atkins Center for Weight & Health