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Dear Professor Emerita Conway:

On behalf of the Regents, faculty, students, and staff of the University of Michigan, it is my great pleasure to invite you to receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree and deliver the commencement address at our Winter Commencement Exercises on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crisler Center.

We would be honored to publicly recognize your extraordinary achievements as an innovative electrical engineer and computer scientist, as well as your work as a transgender activist. Your pioneering designs in computer architecture revolutionized the production of the microchip, greatly impacting the accessibility of modern technology. The Michigan community has already been enriched by your tenure as professor and associate dean at the College of Engineering, and I have every confidence that your message would inspire our graduates, their guests, and the people of the state of Michigan.

In addition to commencement exercises, I will host a reception and dinner for the honorary degree recipients, their guests, and university officials the evening before commencement, December 15. I will also host a brunch for the honorary degree recipients at the President's House on graduation day, prior to commencement exercises. I would be pleased if you could join me for all events. Winter Commencement exercises, where your honorary degree will be conferred and you would address the graduates, will be on Sunday afternoon, beginning with robing at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. and run to approximately 4:30 p.m. in the Crisler Center. Your commitments for commencement activities would conclude at that time.

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The University of Michigan will provide travel expenses to this event for you and a guest. All arrangements for your visit will be coordinated with you or your designee by Tami Wilkinson, Associate Director for Presidential Events.

To help us plan accordingly, I invite you to respond to Stephen Yaros, president's liaison to honorary degree activities, by email to syaros@umich.edu. A response by September 14 will be appreciated. In the meantime, I ask that you regard this matter as confidential, as we will not announce honorary degree recipients and speakers until we are closer to the date of commencement.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and the opportunity to welcome you back to campus this winter.

Sincerely,



Mark S. Schlissel
President