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Professor Rebecca Shepley
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Dear Rebecca:

On behalf of the Cuban community in the United Kingdom and our beloved Cuba, we would like to express our immense gratitude to the researchers of the Institute of Healthcare and Engineering at the University College London and especially to you for the donation of a Ventura-UCL CPAP unit to Cuba. The unit donated will be used to validate the prototypes produced by the Cuban Neuroscience Centre using UCL open-source design.

The SARS-Cov-2 pandemic has been an enormous challenge to every country in the world, but those with fewer resources have to overcome even harder hurdles to avoid more deaths. We praise UCL contribution to the world scientific, medical and engineering communities fighting the pandemic, with the early decision to share the design of the Ventura-UCL prototype.

Cuban people feel a profound admiration for their scientists, engineers, medical doctors and nurses because they give the best of themselves to the society even beyond the frontiers. UCL has now become part of that stardom making Louis Pasteur's thought a reality:

'Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world. Science is the highest personification of the nation because that nation will remain the first which carries the furthest the works of thought and intelligence'.

We wish you and your Institute of Health Care and Engineering a great future.

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