THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Subject: Alternative Asset Commitment

<u>Action Requested</u>: Approval of Black Operator Fund I, L.P.

<u>Background and Summary</u>: We recommend a commitment of up to \$10 million from the Long-Term Portfolio to Black Operator Fund I, L.P. (the "Fund"). Black Ops Ventures ("Black Ops") is a venture capital firm based in San Francisco, CA. Black Ops primarily invests in seed-stage companies in the U.S. and Canada.

Black Ops was founded in 2021 to invest in founders that are often overlooked by traditional seed-stage venture firms. Black Ops expects to generate outsized returns by guiding companies from seed-stage to Series A fundraising. The founders of Black Ops have prior founder/start-up experience. We expect sourcing to come from the founders' networks.

This commitment offers the Long-Term Portfolio the opportunity to invest with a firm that has the potential to generate strong returns over time and invest in companies to which the university might not otherwise have access.

Respectfully submitted,

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