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Head of Judiciary, Ebrahim Raisi
c/o H.E. Majid Takht Ravanchi
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Dear Mr Raisi,

I am gravely concerned to receive reports of the declining health of **Hamed Gharehoghiani**, a 34-year-old prisoner of conscience held in the central prison in Urumieh, West Azerbaijan province. I want to bring to your attention that Hamed Gharehoghiani urgently requires specialized medical care for a serious type of epilepsy, which, if left untreated, can lead to dangerous seizures.

Hamed Gharehoghiani was sentenced by a Revolutionary Court in Urumieh to 14 years and one month imprisonment in December 2020 following an unfair trial that lasted only 10 minutes. The court convicted him of “insulting the Supreme Leader”, “spreading propaganda against the system”, and “membership in a group that engages in armed insurrection against the Islamic Republic system” for his online social media posts, connection to an opposition group, and tearing up images of the Supreme Leader and Revolutionary Guards Commander Ghasem Soleimani.

Hamed Gharehoghiani is held in a ward with prisoners convicted of violent crimes who have threatened him with physical and sexual assault. He has been denied the prescribed medication for epilepsy that his family has regularly purchased and brought to the prison. Without this medication he is at increased risk of dangerous seizures, which can lead to serious and possibly irreversible complications including brain damage.

I ask you to release Hamed Gharehoghiani as he is a prisoner of conscience imprisoned solely for peacefully exercising his rights to freedom of expression and association. Pending his release, ensure that he is provided with immediate and continued access to the health care he needs outside prison as well as his medication.

Yours sincerely,

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