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Dear Mr. Iravani,

I am writing to you to call for the immediate and unconditional release of renowned human rights activist **NARGES MOHAMMADI**. She is a former vice-president of the Center for Human Rights Defenders (CHRD), which had reported on violations of human rights in Iran, provided pro-bono legal representation to political prisoners and supported their families before it was forcibly closed by the Iranian authorities in December 2008. Narges Mohammadi also advocated for abolition of the death penalty in Iran.

Narges was detained in November 2021 while attending a peaceful memorial service for people killed by Iranian security forces during nationwide protests in November 2019. In January 2022, following a grossly unfair trial that lasted just five minutes, a Revolutionary Court convicted her on charges including “colluding to commit crimes against national security” and “disrupting public order” and sentenced her to eight years and two months in prison, 74 lashes and bans on her activities. This sentence was an additional one to the one imposed in May 2021 of 30 months in prison, 80 lashes, and a fine for “spreading propaganda against the system.”

In 2022, while still behind the bars, Narges published the book *White Torture*, which consists of 12 interviews with female prisoners of the Islamic Republic about their experiences of abusive treatment and inhumane conditions. Narges’ courageous efforts defending the rights of women in Iran have been recognized by PEN, the international organization of writers, which just gave her its 2023 PEN/Barbey Freedom to Write Award.

Narges Mohammadi suffers from a number of serious health problems, including a condition that can cause seizures, for which she requires specialized treatment that she cannot receive in prison. In February 2022 she suffered a series of heart attacks. She has not seen her husband and twin daughters for several years.

I urge you to quash Narges Mohammadi’s sentence and release her from prison immediately. Pending her release, provide her with access to quality medical care.

Yours sincerely,

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