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**Re: Dr. Mohammad Hossein Rafiee Fanood**

Your Excellency:

I write on behalf of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society with over 158,000 members, with regard to Dr. Mohammad Hossein Rafiee Fanood, a retired professor of polymer chemistry at University of Tehran.

We wish to express our concern for Dr. Rafiee who was arrested on June 16, 2015 on charges that have not been made clear. He is currently being held in Evin Prison. It is unclear as to whether he has been afforded due process with access to legal counsel, family and medical care.

Both the global scientific community and his family are concerned about his current condition. We urge you to provide Dr. Rafiee with adequate medical attention and allow regular visits from his family and legal counsel. We respectfully urge you to closely examine Dr. Rafiee's case to ensure that it is addressed in a manner consistent with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which the Republic of Iran is party.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this important matter and look forward to your earliest reply as we continue to monitor Dr. Rafiee's case.

Sincerely,



Diane Grob Schmidt, Ph.D.  
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cc: The Honorable Ayatollah Sadeqh Larijani, Head of the Judiciary of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
The Honorable Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
The Honorable John Kerry, United States Secretary of State  
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