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An open letter to the Leadership of the Baha'i Institute of Higher Education.

Dear Colleagues:

Stanford University School of Medicine values the diversity of its students and the contribution of their unique voices to our educational climate. We have previously voiced our concern to your government leaders regarding the treatment of Baha'i students and educators in Iran. We requested that your government extend Baha'i students and faculty in Iran the same rights to education that we offer every student and professor at our university, regardless of their heritage, religion, or country of origin, consistent with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights.

We write this letter to invite qualified students at the Baha'i Institute of Higher Education (BIHE) to seek admission to Stanford University School of Medicine. We believe that education is an inherent human right. Our school has a long tradition of selecting for admission students from all over the globe whose world views have contributed to the quality of our learning environment. The existing policies that govern admission to our medical school would support and welcome their application.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabriel Garcia".

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