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Dear Mr Avaei,

Some time ago I wrote to you expressing my grave concern in the case of

Abolfazi Abedini Nasr.

Unfortunately I have not been able to read from reports in the German press that there has been any reaction to the allegations made by Amnesty International, the international, impartial human rights organization. I am therefore appealing to you once again to ensure that Abolfazi Abedini Nasr is immediately and unconditionally released as he is being imprisoned purely for exercising his right to freedom of expression and right to assembly in a non-violent way.

I also appeal to you to ensure that he is protected from torture or ill-treatment and that he is allowed access to a lawyer, his family and adequate medical treatment.

I also appeal to you to ensure that an immediate and impartial investigation is carried out into reports that Abolfazi Abedini Nasr was beaten during his interrogation and also during his detention. Should anyone be found guilty of torture or other ill-treatment then he should be brought to justice promptly and fairly.

I call on you, furthermore to ensure that those articles of the penal code which restrict freedom of association, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly are reviewed so that they are fully compatible with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to which the Islamic Republic of Iran is, I believe, a signatory.

Yours sincerely,

A copy of this letter is being sent to:

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