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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of Dr. Ghazaleh Taherzadeh, whom I am planning to hire as a postdoctoral fellow in my laboratory at the University of Maryland upon her entry in the United States. My laboratory is responsible for a major grant-funded effort to perform computational modeling of immune recognition and biotherapeutics, and Dr. Taherzadeh's expertise in computational structural biology and machine learning makes her participation in this project critical to its success. Her role in this project has been funded starting in September 2018, and we have been eagerly awaiting her arrival. It would be greatly appreciated if she would be granted an entry visa at the earliest convenience, in order to avoid further delays in my laboratory's research.

Thank you for your time, and please don't hesitate to contact me if I can offer further information in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian G. Pierce".

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