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Dear Consular Officer,

This letter is in support of Dr. Abdollah Dehzangi, Assistant Professor at Department of Computer Science, Morgan State University and acknowledge his service to our institute. Dr. Dehzangi is also serving as the program director of Master of Science (MS) in Bioinformatics and active researcher in several fields including machine learning, artificial intelligence, bioinformatics, and computational biology. His research in these fields has led to more than 60 publications in prestigious peer-reviewed journals and conferences with over 1350 citations (h-index = 21 and i10-index = 37) according to Google scholar citations. He has also authored two grant proposals for NSF and NIH. He also teaches several courses including, operating system (COSC 354), artificial intelligence (COSC 470), introduction to machine learning (COSC 472), Bioinformatics tools and databases (BIOI 521), and Bioinformatics I (BIOI 511) at our department.

He is active, committed, and capable instructor and researcher which makes him an asset to our institute and department. Besides his chair as an assistant professor and program director, he serves as a chair or member in several other committees at our institute including curriculum, website, and colloquium. His departure from our institute will be a great loss not just from educational and research perspective but also will cost tax payer's money to find a replacement for him. Having his wife, Dr. Ghazaleh Taherzadeh, here will help his stay in U.S. and his service to underrepresented community in Baltimore city and the state of Maryland and to U.S. in overall. It will also reduce the pressure and stress on him and his family, helping him to be even more active and productive. I, therefore, strongly support Dr. Dehzangi and his wife Dr. Ghazaleh Taherzadeh immigrant's visa application.

For any question regarding the matter, please feel free to contact me by phone at, (443) 885-3962 or by email at, md.rahman@morgan.edu.

My best and sincere regards,

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