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Dear President Sears and Mr. Jones,

I write to demand the immediate removal of Dr. Fatemeh Ardeshir-Larijani from her position at Emory University and the revocation of her Georgia medical license.

Dr. Ardeshir-Larijani is the daughter of Ali Larijani, a senior official of the Islamic Republic of Iran who currently serves as Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council. That regime is designated by the United States as a state sponsor of terrorism responsible for the killing, imprisonment, and brutal repression of thousands of civilians. Her father has recently and publicly advocated violence against Americans and U.S. allies while holding one of the highest national security posts in that hostile government.

In light of these facts, Dr. Ardeshir-Larijani's continued role treating American patients at a major U.S. medical institution is unacceptable. This is not a theoretical concern. Physicians are entrusted with intimate access to patients, sensitive personal information, and critical medical decision-making. Allowing an individual with immediate familial ties to a senior official actively calling for the death of Americans to occupy such a position poses a threat to patient trust, institutional integrity, and national security.

The Georgia Composite Medical Board has clear authority and responsibility to act. Under *O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8* and *O.C.G.A. § 43-34-22*, the Board may discipline or revoke a license when a physician's circumstances demonstrate a lack of professional fitness or when continued licensure is contrary to the public interest and welfare. These standards do not require a criminal conviction. They exist precisely to protect the public before harm occurs.

Likewise, Emory University has full discretion and an affirmative obligation to ensure that its employees, particularly those in patient-facing clinical roles, do not present security risks or circumstances that fundamentally undermine public confidence. Continuing Dr. Ardeshir-Larijani's employment while her immediate family advocates violence against Americans is a reckless failure of judgment that places Emory's reputation and patients at risk.

This situation has already sparked widespread public outrage, protests by Iranian American communities, and national scrutiny. Emory University and the Georgia Composite Medical Board should not wait for further escalation or tragedy before acting.

Accordingly, I call for the following actions without delay:

1. Immediate termination of Dr. Ardeshir-Larijani's employment at Emory University; and
2. Immediate suspension and revocation proceedings by the Georgia Composite Medical Board to remove her authorization to practice medicine in this state.

America's medical institutions must not serve as a safe harbor for individuals connected by blood and loyalty to regimes that openly call for the death of Americans. Patient safety, public trust, and national security demand decisive action now.

Thank you for your consideration and review of this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl L. 'Buddy' Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Earl L." on the first line and "'Buddy' Carter" on the second line.

Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress