

To: **Honorable Mr. Hashemi Shahroudi**, Head of the Judiciary of Islamic Republic of Iran

In recent days, Mr. Ganji's physical conditions have become very worrisome. Reports given by his family and friends of his unsuitable conditions in Milad hospital have added to these concerns. In our opinion, a continuation of the present situation does not at all benefit the country and especially the judiciary and has only drawn a dark image of our beloved country abroad and created a disappointing environment inside for the people and in particular the players in the arena of thought. Mr. Ganji is one of our society's valuable thinkers and his imprisonment or any damage to his health will only deprive the country's intellectual community of one of its outstanding members.

We, the undersigned, members of the scientific and cultural community of universities inside and outside the country, express our serious concerns about the situation created, and persistently ask you to use your legal authorities as the head of the judiciary system, to provide as soon as possible for Mr. Ganji's complete freedom and proper medical treatment.

With Regards,
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