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Dear Dr. Moeser,

The senseless act of Mr. Mohammad-Reza Taheri-azar on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Friday, March 3rd 2006 has deeply saddened and shocked us as a community. Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina, Inc. (ICSNC) like all North Carolinians, are disturbed and dismayed by the actions of this individual. Foremost in our thoughts are the innocent victims of this inexplicable act, and we would like to express our deepest sympathy and our sincere hope for their quick recovery.

ICSNC with the Iranian-American community of families and individuals of different faiths and creeds, condemn Mr. Taheri-azar's act. This isolated act by this individual does not reflect the deep gratitude and respect of the Iranian-American community toward the United States or individual Americans, nor does it reflect the opinion of the Iranian community in this region.

We commend the actions of the law enforcement authorities and the call for calm by campus leaders, students, staff, faculty and university officials at UNC Chapel Hill. We share their ideals of tolerance, respect and understanding. We strongly condemn any form of violence in any shape and form as a means of expressing difference of opinion.

March 20th is the first day of spring, which is also the Iranian New Year. We hope that "Norooz," which literally means New Day can be a day of healing, tolerance, respect and understanding; and in the spirit of the day, we allow light to overcome darkness.

Sincerely,

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