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Your Excellency:

I am writing on behalf of the American Physical Society's Committee on International Freedom of Scientists to express our grave concern over the impending deportation of Dr. Masaud Mirza Jahromi of Ahlia University in Manama. The American Physical Society is one of the world's largest professional associations for physical scientists, and the Committee on International Freedom of Scientists is charged with the responsibility to monitor threats to scientific freedom around the world.

We have long been concerned about the treatment of Dr. Jahromi, from the time of his conviction, imprisonment, and fine in 2011 on charges of participating in political rallies. Free participation in political debate is an essential right that must be respected. Our concern grew with last year's news of the revocation of Dr. Jahromi's citizenship, which was a violation of Article 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, to which Bahrain is a signatory. And now we are alarmed at the prospect of Dr. Jahromi's possible deportation, an action for which there is no justification.

We ask that Bahrain show its respect for its own expressed commitment to fundamental human rights protections by rescinding, immediately, the decision to deport Dr. Jahromi and his family.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Don Howard'.

Dr. Don Howard, Chair
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