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Your Excellency,

It has come to my attention that the health of Iranian trade unionist and prisoner of conscience Reza Shahabi has seriously deteriorated and he is in need of urgent specialized medical care. Shahabi was forced to return to Karaj's Raja'i Shahr prison (section 10) near Tehran on 9 August 2017. He had been on medical leave since October 2014.

I call on you to release Reza Shahabi immediately and unconditionally as he is detained solely for the peaceful exercise of his human rights through his trade union activism.

Furthermore, I urge you to ensure that he has access to the specialized medical care he needs, if necessary in a medical facility outside of prison, in compliance with medical ethics, including the principles of confidentiality, autonomy and informed consent.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,