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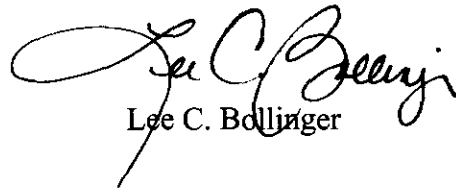
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Dear Dr. Geramian:

I write with great appreciation to acknowledge the gift of the Alavi Foundation to Columbia University in support of the Center for Iranian Studies.

All of us are proud of the high standards of research, teaching, and scholarship at the Center for Iranian Studies, and the generosity of the Alavi Foundation helps us build on these strengths. For your great confidence in Columbia, and on behalf those who benefit, please accept my gratitude and best wishes.

Sincerely,



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