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As Director of the Middle East Center for Peace, Culture and Development at Georgia State University, I wish to thank you for your continued support of Persian language instruction in our university.

The Persian language program is an integral part of the Middle East Center's academic mission, where students have the opportunity to earn a minor and major degree in Middle East Studies. The Persian courses sponsored by your organization provide our students an additional language option, beyond Arabic, for their degree.

Like many state universities we face great economic challenges. For budgetary reasons, highly specialized courses with small enrollments, like Persian, have been eliminated across the nation. Without your support, GSU would not be able to sustain its Persian language program.

With great appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dona J. Stewart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dona J. Stewart
Director