

## **STATEMENT- KAIKOBAD IRANI**

In 2020, I discovered that a University of Iowa faculty member and researcher was extensively falsifying and fabricating data in NIH grant applications and publications while working in my lab. I reported this both internally and to federal authorities, who conducted an extensive investigation. I also reported to federal authorities researchers at the University of Iowa for failing to report conflicts of interest on NIH applications. After I was discovered as the whistleblower, I faced a campaign of retaliation. Attached is a draft of the Petition which sets forth my allegations in detail.

I was prepared to move forward with a lawsuit, but determined that it was in the best interests of both myself and the University to sever the employment relationship. After extensive negotiations with the University, I voluntarily resigned my position as a tenured professor effective August 31, 2024, and agreed not to file a lawsuit. The University paid me \$350,000 and allowed me to take research grants with me.

The March 2022 investigative report was never discussed during the severance negotiations and had nothing to do with my voluntary resignation. Its findings are largely based on false unsubstantiated allegations made by persons whom I had earlier reported in good faith.