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The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Garland,

We are writing today in support of Vilasini Ganesh, MD, and to echo the letter sent by our colleagues at the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin alerting you to the miscarriage of justice that has befallen her and her family.

The Association of American Physicians & Surgeons ("AAPS") is a non-profit membership organization of physicians and surgeons who are mostly in small, independent practices. Founded in 1943 (and about to launch our 78th year), AAPS defends and promotes the practice of private, ethical medicine. AAPS has members in virtually every specialty and State, and AAPS speaks out frequently about issues concerning patients and medical practice.

We urge your office and the Department of Justice to immediately take a close look at the case of Dr. Ganesh and the many irregularities that led to her improper conviction. For example, it appears that she was convicted based on a misleading spreadsheet, and was ultimately denied the attorney of her choice contrary to her Sixth Amendment rights.

This matter is particularly urgent because Dr. Ganesh is currently being required to report to federal prison, to serve a 63-month sentence, on November 10 (*U.S. v. Ganesh*, No. 5:16-cr-0211 (LHK), N.D. Cal., San Jose Division). We understand that she has three children and an ailing mother who depend on her care at this particular time. These extenuating circumstances make her imminent incarceration particularly unjust.

Due to the serious questions about injustice that are raised by this case, we are hopeful that the U.S. DOJ can intervene to stop this imminent long-term incarceration of Dr. Ganesh, while this matter can be investigated more fully.

Thank you for your urgent consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director