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RE: ██████████ ██████████ STANFORD POSTGRADUATE PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

Dear Sir or Madam,

██████████ ██████████ has applied for a Stanford Postgraduate Public Interest Law Fellowship, and I write wholeheartedly in support of that application. I am the Founder and Director of ██████████ an international legal charity based in ██████████. Our mission is to pursue strategic initiatives to abolish the death penalty and to prevent abuses committed in ██████████. We do this by making it legally, financially and practically difficult for governments to carry out the death penalty and extrajudicial killings or other human rights abuses, through a combination of investigation, litigation, and press and public scrutiny.

A fellowship with ██████████ ██████████ would be invaluable for ██████████ ██████████ and – most importantly – would provide vital support to ██████████ mission to end some of the worst abuses committed in the ██████████ – extrajudicial killings and illegal detentions. This has never been more important than it is now, as we enter a new era under ██████████ amidst promises from ██████████ worst practices.

██████████ carries out this vital work with a small team and a limited budget. The support of Fellows is essential to allow us to continue to invest in our work and to hold the world's most powerful governments to account. A Stanford Fellowship would give ██████████ the opportunity to combine his legal experience with the real-world realities of investigating and challenging issues governments often want kept in the dark.

As a Stanford Fellow, ██████████ would be based with our ██████████ team in ██████████, where he will gain experience of the wide range of work carried out by ██████████ caseworkers including: factual investigation and legal research; drafting legal documents and reports; advocacy to governments, international and regional decision-makers and tribunals; and, developing and maintaining effective public campaigns.

██████████ is the type of place where fellows will learn how to and be expected to use all the tools in the toolbox, and because we're a small team, ██████████ will get exposure to multiple areas of work. He will become deeply involved in our drones and kill list work, where he will pursue a range of critical legal, political and activist strands of work. From the outset, he'll be treated as full-fledged member of the team, and will be given at least one, if not more, cases or projects to lead for a year. For example, we have in the past had fellows leading on projects, including the ██████████ Project, litigation on behalf of torture and rendition victims before ██████████, pursuing ██████████ litigation, and investigating human rights abuses in the ██████████ in several countries, including ██████████ and ██████████.

Whilst with ██████████ ██████████ will be supervised by both myself and by ██████████ ██████████ who has been leading our work in this area now for several years. He will be given the opportunity to scope and design his casework, using creative and critical analysis. ██████████ will regularly join strategy and legal meetings, while learning how to build external coalitions of allies, such as journalists, politicians and civil society. He'll also work with our fellows in the field and as the casework requires, travel. ██████████ also ensures that fellows are integrated into the daily work of ██████████ so that they obtain an insight into the processes of a legal action charity and that they receive training, as necessary.

As a registered charity in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is subject to regulation by various government agencies. [REDACTED] Board of Trustees and Executive Director ensure that [REDACTED] operates within relevant employment and tax laws through multiple compliance mechanisms. At a high level, [REDACTED] produces an annual report, a set of accounts and an annual return after annual external audit following Charity Commission guidelines. On an operational level, [REDACTED] employs a Director of Strategy and Policy as well as a Head of Finance who are tasked with compliance across both employment and tax laws. [REDACTED] reports to and is scrutinized by both [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] in this regard.

[REDACTED] is also sponsor organization for various [REDACTED] visa categories, including Tier 2 and 5. This is regulated by the [REDACTED]. At a high level, [REDACTED] Head of Operations maintains the organization's sponsor license, submits applications and updates to [REDACTED] and ensures that the [REDACTED] system is followed for all staff and volunteers. The license is dependent on compliance with appropriate visa and work authorization. On an operational level, a compliance table and associated schedule are maintained by the Operations team. As a visa sponsor organization, [REDACTED] will sort out the correct work permissions for [REDACTED] to ensure his fellowship is compliant with all elements of [REDACTED] immigration law.

We very much hope you are able to provide [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] this opportunity. [REDACTED] fellowship would enable us to build on our successful drone work and strengthen our newly established [REDACTED] project, while giving [REDACTED] first-hand experience of using all of the tools in the toolbox to challenge human rights abuses committed by some of the most powerful governments in the world, including his own.

I would be happy to provide further information should you require it.