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Dear Dr. Arawi:

I am writing to express my admiration for the program in bioethics which you have been developing for so many years at the American University in Beirut. Having followed your progress from its inception, I congratulate you on the growth and comprehensiveness of the teaching and research you are currently directing. You have placed the American University of Beirut among the leaders in bioethics programs in the Middle East.

The path you have followed is not an easy one. It requires knowledge of the field, devotion to teaching medical students and the capacity to institute programs in clinical ethics as well.

I have had the privilege of founding five university programs in bioethics in the US. I am very familiar with the difficulties, problems in organization and financing founders of bioethics programs must overcome. Your results give evidence of your successful negotiation of these goals.

The beneficiaries of your efforts will be the medical and health professions students at the American University. More important even will be the groundwork for ethical care your students will provide to improve the care of their patients.

Ad multos annos.

Sincerely,

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