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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is George Neville-Neil, and I am a Computer Scientist and published author who has built software systems used throughout the world and whose code also runs on Mars. I have published two books on Operating Systems principles, and, for the past 10 years, written a successful column for the Association for Computing Machinery, the preeminent organization in the computing field.

This letter is submitted in support of Mr. Mokhtari Irani to confirm that he is an extraordinary individual working to advance the state of databases on open source platforms.

Mr. Mohammad Mehdi (Mahdi) Mokhtari Irani has been a FreeBSD developer since 2017 and he has contributed to software that is integral to the use of the system. His main focus has been on database software. The FreeBSD Operating System is an open source software project that is used by millions of people every day. Its software code can be found in products by Apple, Sony, Juniper Networks, NetApp, Isilon, and many others. If you are reading this letter on an iPhone, iPad, or Macintosh device then you are using FreeBSD.

While Linux might be better known, FreeBSD has become more popular behind the scenes due to its business-friendly license. Contributing to a system such as FreeBSD

means that Mr. Mokhtari Irani is contributing to global economy, helping businesses build products that help the world.

Mr. Mokhtari Irani was awarded a role as a FreeBSD Committer in 2017, meaning that he has direct access to the FreeBSD operating system source code. Such access is granted by the FreeBSD Core Team (a team of nine FreeBSD Committers elected every two years) and is a recognition of exceptional achievement in the development of operating systems software. As a member of the FreeBSD Core Team, I can ensure, that only exceptional individuals and top experts in the field can become FreeBSD Committers.

Should you have any questions about Mr. Mokhtari Irani's work, please do not hesitate to contact me directly,

Sincerely,

George Neville-Neil
President of the Board of Directors of the FreeBSD Foundation
Member of FreeBSD Project Core Team