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Dear Bayazit,

We have received the news with great relief that the court case against the Medical Chamber in Ankara has been dismissed in the last trial on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

The case has been a shame as you said, for a democratic nation with a rich cultural heritage. It has been an assault on humanity and an attack on the autonomy of our profession. On the other hand, this case and others have proven that there are still judges that have remained independent and brave enough to exercise their duties loyal to the law and not the aspirations of the government.

The Turkish people can be proud of their doctors, lawyers and judges who live up to values of justice and humanity and who withstand the forces of intimidation and segregation. The importance of this case extends far beyond Turkey as attempts to dismantle professional self-governing bodies are occurring in many countries and many forms around the world.

We praise you for having withstood the threats and we are proud to have the TMA as our member. We know this is not over yet and we will stay alert with you.

Respectfully,

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