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Dear Pastor Dr. May,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We started the new academic year here at Bar-Ilan still under the shadow of war, but with growing hopes for a more peaceful and secure future. Despite the turmoil and deep uncertainty of the past year, we are proud that we have been able to uphold our commitment of excellence to our students and researchers, thanks in part to global friends like CFI.

Each year, your generous CFI prize for medical research is given to a researcher whose work has particular import to the world of health and medicine. **This year, the prestigious prize was awarded to** **Dr. Ron Piran, of the Bar-Ilan Azrieli Faculty of Medicine, who is researching the root causes of Type 1 Diabetes**.

T1D is one of the most common and hard to treat autoimmune diseases, and its prevalence is rising. As you will see in the attached report, Dr. Piran and his team are developing innovative solutions to restore the pancreas’s ability to produce insulin naturally- groundbreaking research that has tremendous potential to change the way we manage this widespread and pernicious disease.

As always, we are deeply grateful to CFI for supporting medical and health related research at Bar-Ilan, and for your staunch support of the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

With gratitude,

Ms. Tamar Braun, Adv.

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