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Dear [TITLE] [LAST NAME],

Imagine a world in which we lived healthy lives free from diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's and heart disease. I believe this dream can become a reality. For the past ten years, I have been conducting research on the life extension properties of botanical extracts and natural food products to increase not only human lifespan, but also healthspan, a measurement of healthy years. My research focuses on changing the way humans age, prolonging lifespan, and delaying the progression of diseases associated with aging. **I invite you to join me as a visionary partner to add healthy years to human life.**

This year, I plan to launch the UCI Center for Healthspan Extension which will serve as a collaborative research, clinical, and educational hub. The Center's mission is to add healthy years to human life by conducting collaborative research projects to slow the aging process and to improve healthspan.

Improvements in medical diagnostics, procedures, and treatments have resulted in a steady increase in human lifespan, but this increase has unfortunately been accompanied by a rise in the prevalence of diseases of aging such as Alzheimer's and cancer. Today, over 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. Millions of Americans spend the last decades of their lives struggling with these incapacitating diseases, often in nursing homes. **My Center for Healthspan Extension aims to change this outcome by adding healthy years to human life.**

The Center will foster research collaborations with members of our community, including other academic institutions and the pharmaceutical, biotech, and diagnostic and medical device industries. UCI currently has several outstanding groups in different schools working on various aspects of wellness and aging. Our goal is to unite these programs into a centralized and cohesive unit to provide opportunities for collaboration and synergy, and competitive and compelling grant proposals. **Our institute does not currently exist in any shape or form at UCI or other UC campuses.**

Your partnership will bring us one step closer to adding healthy years to our lifespan. **Will you join me in revolutionizing the way humans age?** I will be contacting you to discuss various options for your involvement. You may also reach me directly at (949) 824-1045 or mjafari@uci.edu.

Sincerely,

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