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Dear colleagues

I am writing to express my strong and unequivocal support for the School of Medicine at Ilia State University.

Over the years, I have come to know the academic personnel and researchers of the School of Medicine through direct professional interaction and cooperation. Our collaborative interactions have allowed me to closely observe the intellectual capacity, scientific rigor, and institutional culture of the school. The faculty members are highly competent scholars and clinicians whose work meets international academic standards. Their research productivity, engagement in modern medical education, and openness to international collaboration reflect a modern and forward-looking medical school.

Through these professional interactions, I have also recognized the growing reputation of Ilia State University in the medical sciences. The School of Medicine has built meaningful international partnerships and has positioned itself as a research-oriented institution with a clear commitment to evidence-based education. Such development does not occur by coincidence; it is the result of deliberate academic strategy, investment in human capital, and a culture that values scientific excellence.

Institutions that successfully integrate research, education, and international collaboration represent essential pillars of academic systems. The School of Medicine at Ilia State University is one such institution. Its contribution to the advancement of biomedical research and modern medical education in Georgia is both visible and significant.



For these reasons, I strongly support the continued operation and further development of the School of Medicine at Ilia State University. Healthy academic competition is a fundamental driver of quality in higher education. In recent years, the competition between medical schools in Georgia has clearly stimulated improvements in undergraduate medical education, raising standards and encouraging innovation. Artificially limiting this competitive environment risks reversing this positive trajectory, which will cause significant long-term damage to the quality and international standing of medical education in the country.

Best regards

Christoph Michalski