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Dear Program Director,

This letter is to officially invite Mr. Amaury Farías Cea (R.U.N. 16.810.548-7), PhD student from the Universidad de La Frontera to visit my research laboratory in the Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Neuroscience at the Loyola University Chicago School of Medicine for a period of 6 months from July 15, 2023, to January 14, 2024. By way of introduction, I am Professor and Chair of the department, and for the past 20 years my research laboratory has been using in vitro and in vivo approaches to study the regulation of brain dopamine and serotonin.

During his visit, Amaury will be examining the effect of different synthetic compounds on monoamine transporters as part of his doctoral thesis project. At the same time, Amaury will be able to learn new approaches to study monoamine transporter function and integrate his current findings with multiple new areas of research. Amaury's projects examines the mechanism of action of native compounds in the central nervous system. This planned visit will provide additional training in molecular pharmacology and will facilitate and potentiate a productive new collaboration between Loyola University Chicago and the University de la Frontera.

Sincerely,

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