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To Whom it MAY Concern:

In the last 10 years, I have been an employee of the U.S. Government. Currently I am employed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, OASD, Washington, D.C. as a Minority Representative. I travel all over the United States conducting seminars for Federal employees who disagree with District office decisions pertaining to their contracted claims. I hold a BA degree from Susquehanna University, Pottsville, Pa.

I have been following with some interest the U.S. Immigration proceedings pertaining to Bagwan Shee Rajneesh. The purpose of this letter is to express my support, as a United States citizen, in allowing him to remain in the country. I feel he has made a substantial contribution to our country; spiritually, physically and economically.

While not a follower of Rajneesh, I have had the opportunity to receive body work for a leg injury from one of his followers. I find that the therapeutic techniques, developed by Rajneesh and administered by his followers, to be comparable, if not better, than any of the current physio and psychotherapy techniques of contemporary times including Rolfing, Primal Therapy and EST.

I have read some of his books and find he is a spiritual leader, interested in the nature and welfare of every human being.

I have also had the opportunity to meet his community in the State of Oregon. It cannot be overlooked what he has achieved on land that was determined by our own country to be economically unfeasible. Through the hard work and tremendous efforts of his people, Ragnarskuman is a brilliantly runned community which has contributed to the economy of the State of Oregon.

I find it striking that a man of this magnitude may be asked to leave our country, when his contributions have all been valuable to Americans in their pursuit of liberty, happiness and religious freedom.

Sincerely yours  
Susan M. Rydbeck