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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing on behalf of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his work as a religious leader.

I've been with Bhagwan for 21 years and have lived in Rajneeshpuram for almost a year.

In this last year of being around him and being a part of his vision that man can live harmoniously with each other and nature has been a tremendous growth experience. It's given me the opportunity to go beyond what I feel I've been able to do. This place has been created so that everyone can experience things that aren't possible somewhere else. Like being a woman is construction. There's no prejudice here. Everything is available.

People seem to think that

Because Bhagwan hasn't spoken in the last 2 years that he's not a religious leader.

When was the last time Jesus or Buddha or Krishna spoke to any of their followers? Ask any born again Christian what he feels for Jesus. Why can't this be possible for us? Bhagwan is alive and available for people to sit with and experience. How does Silence change anything. Thousands of people don't feel it does and they don't feel it any trouble to come half way around the world to be with him in Silence.

Everything I've ever experienced around Bhagwan has been positive. Including work. I've never been anywhere where so many people can work together as smoothly and lovingly as we do. Anyone just has to come to Rayneeshpuram to see what's happening and what Bhagwan has inspired.

I don't feel America should be too hasty in sending away a man who has created a positive alternative to what's happening in the world. We need him and he should be available here.

He's a poet and a Genius and his energy can change our lives.

In love,

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