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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to you to speak about Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. This exceptional man, now residing in Rajneeshpuram, Oregon, is applying for permanent resident status in America.

I was born and raised in California and am personally very excited to have a man of Bhagwan's skills and qualifications applying to stay in this fair country. He would be a real gift to any country which he chose to grace with his presence.

Bhagwan's prolific outflow of books and discourses (300-400 in all), alone qualifies him as a unique writer and thinker; far above average in this most critical time in our history. The love, intelligence and compassion with which he writes and speaks, bring to this country and to the world a gift of heart far above the ordinary. The demonstration of his intelligence and love here at the Ranch is a brilliant example of an ecologically balanced, economically sound, psychologically healthy city. Its citizens are well-educated, successful, hard working and happy.

In my own professional work as a mental health worker in a psychiatric group home, my experiences of Bhagwan's meditations, writings, tapes, groups and especially my visits to the Ranch at Rajneeshpuram, are without doubt my most inspirational influences. When I leave the Ranch and return to work, I take back with me new understanding, compassion, and caring which directly affects my clients. I am more open, less judgemental. When I sit with Bhagwan in silence in Satsang meditation, a quietness, peace and joy opens in me, that affects every aspect of my life; my work, my family, my playtime.

The quality of life at Rajneeshpuram, psychological and physical, well being, cleanliness, industriousness, peace and orderliness, lack of crime, make this city a model city for America - indeed for the world. Perhaps it sounds too good to be true, especially in a day and age rife with war, crime, hunger and unhappiness. Mental illness affects one in ten, at least. All the more reason in a country devoted to religious freedom, to welcome a man and a city expressing and demonstrating what we all say we want: a community devoted to both the spirit and the earth, the psyche and the body. For me at least, Bagwan Shree Rajneesh, his work and his silence, has greatly enriched both my life and the lives of those I meet. I'm sure the same is true for many others who have come into contact with him.

Thanks very much.

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