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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.

Since coming upon his writings and audiotapes about six years ago, I have become increasingly impressed with his ability as a thinker, teacher, and man of religion. As a professor myself, I have long-standing familiarity with the ability of a great many teachers. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is surely one of the most accomplished.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh brilliantly brings together his religious background from India and his years of study in Western psychology and philosophy. His books and tapes disclose a wide knowledge and understanding of the most important therapeutic techniques used in the United States and Europe. He surrounds himself with highly skilled experts who run workshops for people who travel long distances for an experience of Bhagwan's methods.

One thing I have noticed over the years is the number of highly educated people who have been attracted to Bhagwan's teachings. There is nothing mystical or cultist about his approach. He operates within a respected tradition of Eastern religion going back thousands of years. He appeals to sophisticated Western men and women who have been disillusioned with the academic approach of Western thought. Bhagwan's blend of Western thought and Eastern religion appeals to many who would like to deepen their experience of life. These people are essentially caring, giving, intelligent men and women; many of them are professionals in various fields.

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is a man of peace who does only good work. He encourages people to discover who they are and to live life responsibly and lovingly. Behind his message is a wealth of erudition. He does not push himself on anyone. People seek him out, leaving him enriched both intellectually and emotionally.

My main point here is that Bhagwan, though living a lifestyle unfamiliar to most Americans and surrounding himself with people who may appear unusual to others, is a wise, sensible, moderate human being. He advocates techniques and procedures well and often tested in Western psychology. In all ways he makes a contribution to the lives of thousands of people through his workshops and lectures.

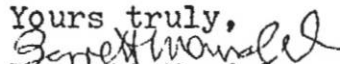
Yours truly,

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