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To whom it may concern,

As a disciple of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, I would like to petition the F.N.S. to allow Bhagwan to stay in America and continue his important work as a religious teacher.

As a professional scientist with Masters degrees in Physics and Engineering, I would like to point out to you that Bhagwan's religious views and ideas have a strong appeal to all classes of American society where ever a genuine search for truth and self-discovery are of concern.

I realize that you are concerned about the city of Rajneeshpuram in Oregon becoming overpopulated by his disciples. However, Bhagwan teaches us that to be truly religious, one must combine a meditative consciousness with the capability of working in the market place.

Since 1978, as a disciple of Bhagwan, I have remained in the marketplace as a professional scientist working for the Xerox Research Center in Palo Alto Ca. I am currently preparing to start my own electronics business in Santa Cruz Ca. As such, I do not feel it is possible or necessary to live in Rajneeshpuram. However, the new city of Rajneeshpuram allows me the opportunity, during celebration periods, to visit with my master and fellow disciples in a religious atmosphere that is not available anywhere else in the world.

If you become acquainted with Bhagwan's works, you would immediately see that he teaches love, peace, truth, freedom, capitalism and self-discovery. A man of his capacity for love and understanding certainly is a great asset to the religious consciousness of our country.

Therefore please reconsider the situation and allow Bhagwan to stay in America, a country which has always been proud of its religious tolerance.

Thank you  
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