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To Whom It May Concern,

Over the past several months I have become aware of the fact that our federal government is questioning whether a religious teacher, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, should be allowed to remain in this country. As a fellow United States citizen, I am sure that you are interested in the quality of the American way of life. And it is for this reason that I am writing at this time.

Working with people in the field of psychology has taught me invaluable lessons regarding the importance of all of us fulfilling not only our physical needs, but emotional and spiritual needs as well. Having graduated with a Ph.D. from a clinical psychology program approved by the American Psychological Association, I have worked with children, adolescents, and adults in family therapy, as well as group and individual psychotherapy. During the course of my work as a psychotherapist, I have also provided numerous workshops for parents with a focus on teaching children self-control.

Throughout the course of my training and professional life, I have become aware that there are many factors which can contribute to a sense of personal well-being. I am very impressed by the effort that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has put into exploring ways for each individual to improve his or her life in the world of today. The teachings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh cover a multitude of socially relevant areas, from Quantum Physics to prayer and personal issues that can come up during the course of everyday living. He has provided literally thousands of individuals with an opportunity to improve not only their spiritual life, but their ability to effectively cope with the market place as well. Furthermore, his presence in the United States has contributed millions of dollars to our nation's economy. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh embraces our nation's investment in capitalism and the opportunity for each of us to have a better way of life.

In conclusion, I urge that the federal government grant Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh permission to remain in the United States. His presence in the United States not only continues to generate the emotional and spiritual advancement of American citizens, but also greatly contributes to American economic, business, and cultural interests and ideals.

Sincerely,


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