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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. I support him as a scholar, teacher, and Religious leader. We are fortunate to have such a man of his caliber wishing to live in the United States. His teachings are a contribution to the Social and Behavioral Sciences. His religious perspective lends a broadening view to the Judeo-Christian tradition of our Western culture.

Currently I am a Full Professor of Criminal Justice and coordinate a graduate program. Before my academic appointment which is now in it's fourteenth year, I was a Chaplain at the Texas Department of Corrections. I have a B.A. in Social Science, a M. Min. in Pastoral Care, a M.A. in Contemporary Corrections and a Ph.D. in Sociology-Criminology. I am also a certified correctional therapist.

My knowledge of Mr. Rajneesh are from three different sources. I visted his Ranch in Oregon on a fact finding tour with my brother who is an Administrator for the Welfare Department in Portland, Oregon. We were curious about the Ranch and the man. We both came away impressed and our initial impression of him was changed to a favorable response. I have read some of his books and find his breadth of knowing to be of genius quality. I also know some of his followers.

In my opinion we have allowed a great many persons to remain in this great country of ours who have neither the monitary resources nor the spiritual and intellectual qualities of this man and yet they have little problem in staying. I know, I sponsor a Buddhist monk from Nepal. He lives in Nashville and has a resident status.

Thank You.


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