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To whom it may concern:

Although I am not a follower of the Rajneesh movement, I have been aware of Bagwan for over four years through media coverage.

In the past two years, I have also had the chance to discuss the Rajneesh faith with a number of my professional colleagues in the advertising industry and media, several of whom have attended religious meetings both in India and at the Rajneesh facilities in Antelope. They have convinced me that Bagwan's teaching is serious and spiritual in nature, and is of prime importance to the spiritual lives of his many followers.

I can also attest that Bagwan and his teachings have been central to the rehabilitation of a young woman who bore both the physical and psychic scars of a sexually-abused childhood, drug addiction and prostitution as a teenage runaway, and a series of adult felony convictions. Having known her as a gaunt and troubled young woman, I hardly recognized her after a year of intense involvement in the Rajneesh faith, including two pilgrimages to Antelope, Oregon, to visit Bagwan. She has been employed continuously for over a year, has developed a stable and positive lifestyle, and is in robust good health. She is absolutely clear in attributing her improvement to the written and personal teaching of Bagwan.

Although the techniques and lifestyle of Bagwan and his followers can be easily misunderstood by those accustomed to Judeo-Christian traditions, it is clear that any official resistance or interference is in direct conflict with our constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion.

I personally support and, in fact, urge that Bagwan be allowed to settle permanently in the United States, where his presence will affirm to the world that America is still open to, and enriched by, a wide variety of religious and cultural traditions.

Sincerely,



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