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To Whom It May Concern  
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I am writing in support of permitting Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to stay in the United States as a religious leader. As a teacher, counselor and writer I've found the spiritual and psychological teachings to be valuable in my work. Although I am not a follower of Rajneesh I have read a number of his books and have experienced the value of his insights and wisdom in my own life.

As a teacher of Eastern philosophy and religion for several years at the college level, I can affirm that Rajneesh comes from a classic tantric religious tradition which includes Tibetan and Zen Buddhism, Taoism, tantric Hindu sects, Sufism and certain forms of mystical Christianity. Many teachers and masters from this tantric lineage observe periods of silence as Rajneesh is doing at this time. The large number of books recording his teachings confirm the philosophical and spiritual basis of his religion.

I have friends who have taken the vows of sannyasin to be a disciple of Bhagwan. I can attest to the value and positive change that has come into their lives as a result of their commitment to this religion.

Many thoughtful people who are not followers, consider Rajneesh to be a spiritual master on the level of a Buddha and a Jesus. As he is a religious leader that has a world-wide following I encourage you to give Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh the immigration status that is afforded all international religious figures.

Respectfully,

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