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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It has come to my attention that Bhagwan Shree Rashneesh of Rashneeshpuram, Oregon, is scheduled for hearings with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service at an early date relative to his qualifications for remaining in the U.S. under that country's current immigration quota.

This letter expresses full and vigorous support for ~~Re~~ Bhagwan's retaining his present status as a member of the Oregon community and the U.S. at large.

I am a consulting landscape architect residing in British Columbia. My specialty is ecology and I recently completed eight years as a Research Landscape Architect with the B.C. Ministry of Environment. In that capacity I was involved in promoting and sustaining land conservation policies and practices with strong ecological implications. In 1982 I toured Rashneeshpuram, Oregon, since I had heard of Bhagwan's intense concern with optimizing man's balance with nature by putting into practice sound principles of erosion control, steep bank stabilization, impoundment of seasonal runoff and returning impoverished soil to productivity. I was immensely impressed. Community efforts there under Bhagwan's guidance could and should become a model for all other communities to follow. I consider him a man of exceptional intelligence and ability in my own field of endeavor and an asset to any country fortunate enough to profit by his direction and energy.

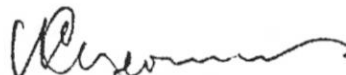
I have also read Bhagwan extensively and find his teachings the most positive and personally rewarding I have yet experienced. I have also become personally acquainted with some of those who work directly with him, although I am not a Sannyasin myself.

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The Oregon community of which they are a part is a direct and living example of application of his ecological teachings. With good reason he is now of international renown and certainly well known and respected in Canada.

This letter testifies to my unqualified support of ~~Bh~~ Bhagwan in this matter and wish that he be allowed to remain in Oregon for the work that remains to be done, both with the land and with the people who share his vision. Although not there in person, I am certainly one of them.

Yours Sincerely,



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