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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a resident of Oregon all of my life, growing up in Portland, and receiving a B.S. degree from Oregon State College in 1957, and a Masters of Science degree from Oregon College of Education, in 1973. I have done a great deal of post graduate work, and am about to receive a clinical membership in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, of which I am presently an Associate Member. I have read close to one hundred of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's books, and am delighted that he is residing in our country. I am immensely interested in the arts and sciences, and in my estimation he is one of the most artistic and intelligent writers that I have had the pleasure to read.

In the area of the arts, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh encourages creativity in each individual, emphasizing the importance of each of us finding our creative channel. He helps one realize that creativity does not have to come from the typical ways that we have been conditioned to believe are creative, such as music and art, although he feels that these are splendid expressions. Rather, he taught people to be creative in every way, even when one is doing the simplest of tasks, and that when one loves one's work, creativity happens naturally.

As a counselor, it is my opinion that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is unsurpassed in the field of Social Science. He has been inspirational to my work, by helping me deal with the complexities of life, such as stress, anxieties, and relationship difficulties, and therefore, I have been able to help others. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh teaches the importance of people being responsible, and that an important part of responsibility is work. He encourages parents of young children to allow their offspring to learn various kinds of skills, and by participating in life, in such a way, they are challenged. We need leaders of this calibre, showing us by their teachings and modeling, how the combination of responsibility and compassion can help Americans become stronger and more loving.

One of Bhagwan's contributions to mankind is in reminding us of the necessity of living a balanced life. He has been dedicated to working with people's life force and body energies, always maintaining that each person is unique and requires an individualistic approach towards transformation of their energy. His books often relate how once a person's intrinsic needs are met, there are no limitations of what can be accomplished as far as fulfillment of one's potential.

As someone who has gone through most of her life, constantly questioning, and wanting answers to those questions, Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh represents for me, a peacefulness and serenity, and above all, acceptance of the present moment. His writings have enabled me to trust life and its insecurities and uncertainties, letting go, and not controlling outcomes, more than anyone I have ever studied, and this is one of the greatest gifts one can give another. For this, I am grateful, and recommend that he receive the highest honors, possible, in the area of arts and sciences.

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Sincerely,

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