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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the application of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for permanent residence in the United States.

Although not a sannyasin myself, I have many friends and acquaintances who are. I have read several of Bhagwan's books and listened to a number of his taped recordings. To anyone acquainted with the teachings of this man there can be no doubt of the value and wisdom of his spiritual leadership.

As a psychiatric social worker and member of the faculty of the City University of New York I am acutely aware of the need in our society for teachers who can inspire as Bhagwan does strivings toward increased self-reflection and knowledge, greater social consciousness and fundamental brotherhood. I have found Bhagwan's teachings to have great relevance to my own life, my work, and my personal and professional relations.

It is my hope that the American authorities will be supportive of Bhagwan's petition for permanent residence, keeping alive and vital the tradition of religious and intellectual freedom in the United States.

Sincerely,



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