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To whom it may concern

I am a resident of Colorado - I am not a follower of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, but I believe in what he is doing and I'll tell you why.

In my past I've been a teacher, a legal secretary, a bank officer, and owned and managed a successful mercantile business, and I am now a U.S. Postmaster. I do not have a college degree, but was a graduate of an accredited business school.

I came a week ago to visit my daughter, who holds an M.A. in Psycho-therapy from U.C.L.A., California, and is a resident of the Ranch at Rajneeshpuram.

Since she has been involved in the work, I have done lots of research into Bhagwan, the person; I've read many of his books; I've done a great deal of research into religious cults, communes and alternative lifestyles. Now, during my visit here, I have been able to see and feel what he is doing here firsthand.

I was both amazed and elated to see the miracle which has been wrought here. I've seen well-educated, highly capable skilled and talented people working in menial jobs, and being happy to do it, and doing the best job possible. Where else would you find that your waiter in the restaurant holds a degree in animal husbandry, or perhaps a Ph.D. in engineering, yet is so dedicated to building this "Ranch" into what it has become in 2 years, that he is able to overcome his ego and throw himself wholly into making this place the best place possible for himself and others to live.

I feel Bhagwan is an outstanding example of the kind of person we should welcome to the United States. He is a person of exceptional ability in science and art - he has the ability to imbue others with the same love of life and love of God which he has. He gives them new purpose in life and a desire to reach their full potential, both as a person, and as a worker in his work. The people who have special capabilities in any field soon come to the forefront in their field and soon become located in some fulfilling occupation.

He has taken people from all walks of life, from every country, and has blended them into a dedicated workforce, building a better home for themselves and those to come after him. It is this kind of hard work and dedication which has made the United States the great nation it is today - the greatest and only truly free nation in the world, and I feel we should encourage and not discourage this dedication.

I think Bhagwan should be given special recognition for the genius he is, and should be encouraged to continue his work. We need men like

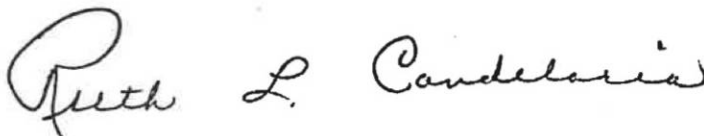
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him, with foresight and unusual talents, to bring form to chaos and heal our young people.

I have never seen grounds so clear, so much being done to improve the environment without destroying its beauty; people so neat and clean - well-mannered; no mad rushing around with no purpose - everyone doing whatever job he is assigned to the best of his ability, ungrudgingly and happy. We need more of this to keep our nation great. Let's encourage this spirit, not discourage it.

I feel that, in my opinion, that the presence of a religious teacher and spiritual leader of Bhagwan's extraordinary talent would be a tremendous asset to the United States; that we would benefit in an economic and cultural way from his presence here.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth L. Candelaria". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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