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To Whom It May Concern:

As a professional counselor, I lead wellness seminars, radio and TV work, work in a community mental health center, and conduct a private practice in Nashville, Tennessee, where I have lived for twenty years. I earned my Master of Science degree from Vanderbilt University and at present am earning my doctorate there also.

Before I decided to pursue a career in helping people with problems in living, I was an active community volunteer in the Junior League of Nashville, the Metropolitan Nashville school system, the Nashville Symphony, and Cheekwood Fine Arts Center.

I came to know of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his healing philosophy through his writings, in interactions with his sannyasins, and as a participant in activities at the Rajneesh Center in Nashville. For me, the value of Bhagwan's teachings are multiple, both in my own personal development and in my effectiveness as a therapist. His wisdom, depth of knowledge, and understanding of people from a cultural and historical perspective provide a brilliant framework for working toward peace and harmony. In terms of economic and scientific influence, it seems to me that we must look at Bhagwan's contributions to land reclamation and sound ecology.

Even though I have had no personal contact with this master teacher, I am certain that his presence in our United States will enhance and speed up our progress toward a world united in peaceful purpose and intent.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret M. Smith