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To Whom It May Concern:

Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh has been my inspirational guide for two and a half years. I am a resident of Rajneeshpuram, home of Bhagwan's vision of a community based on loving co-operation with nature and with one another. Rajneeshpuram translates as "expression of Rajneesh". Since his earlier talks in India, he told of his dream of how man can live in harmony and now thanks to the wonderful opportunities and climate of freedom offered here in America, his disciples from around the world with his exceptional insights and guidance are revolutionizing the way life can be lived.

I am an American. I attended Sierra College and after receiving my A.A. degree in Liberal Arts went to San Diego State University intent on obtaining a degree in the Sciences. After a year of studying medical science subjects I began to take courses in art, music, philosophy and psychology. It was during this time I began reading books of Bhagwan's. Thereafter I went to Rajneesh meditation camps, listened to his discourses on tape and met many of his followers. Without ever seeing Bhagwan I took sannyas because it was obvious that this man had exceptional religious abilities.

I consider my living here at Rajneeshpuram, abode of the living master Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, to be the most fortunate gift to have ever happened for me. Four times a year we have religious festivals that allow thousands of his beloveds to join with Bhagwan in celebration. To be in his presence silently inspires us all. The joy we experience when we greet him when he drives by cannot be adequately expressed with words.

His beauty reminds us of his trust in us to create a place of worship that combines a world of dance, music, art, and a working structure to support the community. Here we refer to "work" as "worship" because all we do is out of love and dedication to Bhagwan and the commune. At the beginning of the day and at the end we all chant from our hearts a prayer that translates as such,

" I go to the feet of the awakened one
I go to the feet of the commune of
the awakened one
I go to the ultimate truth of
the awakened one "

This is but one example of the beauty that is wove throughout our daily lives. The quality of life here is the highest I have ever experienced. Bhagwan is our example of living gracefully, loving with total alertness. It is his presence and constant guidance that brings the enormous energy together here to make this experiment in alternative living so alive and positive. It wouldn't be the same without him.

On fact Oregon and the United States wouldn't be the same without him. Because of him the economy in Oregon has experienced enormous support. Across the United States, Bhagwan's messages of sorts, many directed toward the Western mind including technology, sex, discipleship, relationships etc., are televised daily. Many business ventures such as restaurants, bakeries, small enterprises are growing out of Bhagwan's inspiration to still be in the world while embarking on our internal journey to open the heart. But by bit these small exposures offer to others a taste of the extraordinary way life can be enjoyed.

I have not an inkling of doubt of the benefit of having Bhagwan's visa application being accepted for exceptional ability in Arts and Sciences. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, worldwide spiritual leader, is one of America's greatest blessings.

His Blessings

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