

July 16, 2017

The Honorable Judge Paul deFonzo
United States Immigration Court
1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2500
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Judge deFonzo:

I write in support of the immigration-related case of MUHAMMAD ZAHID CHAUDHRY.

As a longtime member of the Olympia Friends Meeting (Quakers), I have known Mr. Chaudhry, and his wife Ann, for the last several years. I've worked with them, and I've talked privately with each of them, on many occasions. I am familiar with the Chaudhrys' impact on our community here in Olympia.

During the time I have known Mr. Chaudhry, he has been a positive presence here.

Mr. Chaudhry is generous with his time, working as a community volunteer for multiple organizations. Mr. Chaudhry is also generous in his support for education. The Chaudhrys encourage others (especially young people) to get the best education they can. When their resources permit, they try to make this part of the "American dream" possible for everyone.

In the best American tradition, Mr. Chaudhry is a passionate and outspoken advocate for justice. His arguments are careful, usually delivered with a big smile and with twinkling eyes.

In my years of acquaintance with the Chaudhrys, I have never felt insecure or apprehensive in any way. I have never heard either of them threaten, or even condone, any act of violence. I cannot even imagine any credible security-related argument for Mr. Chaudhry's expulsion.

I understand that Mr. Chaudhry is a U.S. military veteran, with service-connected disabilities. It is beyond my understanding why the Government, which benefited from Mr. Chaudhry's willingness to serve when he was physically able, would seek to expel him after his disability.

From my personal knowledge of this family, including their devotion to each other and constant companionship, I cannot imagine any legitimate reason for anyone to wish for Mr. Chaudhry's expulsion. Our country is stronger because it has people like Mr. Chaudhry in it. For our country's sake, I hope you will allow Mr. Chaudhry to stay in our community, without any further apprehension about his immigration status.

You will never regret a decision to allow MUHAMMAD ZAHID CHAUDHRY to remain in the United States indefinitely, and preferably with a path to full citizenship. I hope that you can make such a ruling, as promptly and definitively as possible.

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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