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RE: Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry

I am writing in support of Mr. Chaudhry's challenge to the use of the misnamed and likely illegal Controlled Application Review & Resolution Program (CARRP). This program was created without the consent of Congress and legally only Congress can create immigration law. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) appear to have created this program out of whole cloth. CARRP clearly targets Muslims who are seeking US citizenship by adding specious requirements and delays based solely on the religious, ethnic and geographical background of the applicants.

In a 1979, the US Commission on Civil Rights defined religious discrimination in relation to the civil rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution. Whereas religious civil liberties, such as the right to hold or not to hold a religious belief, are essential for freedom of religion secured by the First Amendment, religious discrimination occurs when someone is denied "the equal protection of the laws, equality of status under the law, equal treatment in the administration of justice, and equality of opportunity and access to employment, education, housing, public services and facilities, and public accommodation because of their exercise of their right to religious freedom".

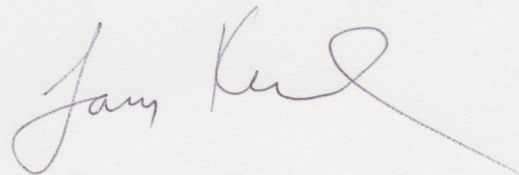
I have known Mr. Chaudhry for at least seven years both a fellow US military veteran and as an untiring activist for social peace and justice. I cannot imagine what has possessed the US government to carry on the years of hostility and harassment toward this man of peace. He is an honorable man who is married to a US citizen. His service in the US Army alone should grant him immediate US citizenship.

I urge the court to question the legal and moral rationale for the proceedings by USCIS and the Department of Homeland Security(DHS) against Mr. Chaudhry. USCIS and DHS should be rebuked by this court and Mr. Chaudhry's US citizenship should be granted immediately.

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