

Judge Paul deFonzo
Immigration Court
1000 Second Ave, Suite 2500
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Judge Paul deFonzo,

My name is Rebecca Saldaña and I am a Washington State Senator representing the 37th legislative district. Through my time in the legislature and decades prior working in community organizing, I have had the honor of meeting many patriots from all walks of life. These individuals demonstrate the best of our country and deserve to be honored and cared for.

Learning of the service of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry, it unsettles me how his residency and legitimacy are repeatedly being called into question by the United States government. Mr. Chaudhry is a decorated U.S. Army veteran who sustained injuries while serving in the U.S. military as part of the National Guard.

Along with his laudable armed service career, Mr. Chaudhry has lived as a model U.S. citizen. He has not broken any U.S. laws during his time in this country and also qualified for expedited citizenship based on Qualified Military service. It does not make sense to continue denying Mr. Chaudhry the full citizenship he has undeniably earned.

Our country has been made better by the commitment of Mr. Chaudhry. He has logged thousands of hours serving the community in various ways through volunteering and direct service. He also has shown his unwavering sense of commitment through his 16 year marriage to his wife Ann.

It baffles me how long Mr. Chaudhry has had to prove what is obvious to all that know him. Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry is one of our country's greatest citizens who deserves full and fair treatment by the country he has served. I urge you to close this case and allow Mr. Chaudhry and his wife to build the life they deserve with stability, pride, and justice.

Rebecca Saldaña

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State Senator, 37th Legislative District