

Dear Judge Paul deFonzo,

My name is Tina Podlodowski, and I am the Chair of the Washington State Democrats. I write in support of Muhammad "Zahid" Chaudhry and ask that he not be deported. Zahid is a former Washington National Guard member and has served as a volunteer with the fire department, Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity. It comes as no surprise to me that there is such an outpouring of support for Zahid and his wife, Ann, as they have been active in their community for years.

Zahid has been married to Ann, an American citizen, for 16 years. If Zahid is deported, the impact on Ann will be devastating. I do not believe our government should be breaking families and communities apart. But that is what will happen if Zahid is deported to a country that is no longer his home. Simply put, America is his home. This is where his family is, and where he has worked hard to build strong community connections.

Please grant Zahid's request to stay in the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Podlodowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tina Podlodowski

Washington State Democrats, Chair