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Bob Pauw
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Re: Zahid Chaudhry deportation hearing

Dear Mr. Pauw:

I write to you with sadness and anger in my heart after only learning today that my friend, Zahid Chaudhry, is scheduled for a deportation hearing in Seattle next Monday. Due to the timing of this letter, and because I cannot personally attend the hearing, I am writing to you rather than to the Honorable Judge Paul deFonzo. I ask that you convey this letter to the court, if you deem it helpful to Zahid.

I have the utmost confidence in our legal system but am also aware that deportations around the country seem to be less about removing dangerous persons who are here unlawfully and more about removing without logic or compassion those persons who add greatly to the fabric of our communities.

I cannot speak to the facts of Zahid's deportation proceedings. However, I can and will speak to Zahid's exemplary character, which I have observed to be generous, kind-hearted and unwaveringly dutiful. I have known Zahid for several years and was pleased to work together with him on an adult advisory board for a Masonic youth group. I was honored to turn over the helm of leadership to him as he succeeded me as Chairman of this advisory council. In the years I have known Zahid, he has volunteered countless hours for many organizations in the community. He has always been proud of his years in the United States, including his time in the U.S. military.

To allow Zahid to be deported to his "home" country would be a tragedy and a loss to our Thurston County community. We would also lose the passion and spirit of his wife, Ann, who would surely follow him should he be forced to leave his home here.

Thank you for supporting and representing Zahid. I will have you both in my thoughts come Monday at noon.

Sincerely,



Brian Morgan