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August 8, 2017

The Honorable Paul Defonzo
Executive Office for Immigration Review
1000 2nd Avenue, Suite 2500
Seattle, WA 98104-1095

Dear Judge Defonzo,

RE: Chaudhry, Muhammad A078 490 278

I am writing in regards to my constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry, for whom I recently initiated an inquiry with U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Mr. Chaudhry is scheduled for a hearing with the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) on October 16, 2017. I understand both he and his wife are extremely concerned he is being denied fair process because of his religion. Adverse treatment of any individual on this basis would be unacceptable under the United States Constitution.

As you know, Mr. Chaudhry served in the United States Army and has volunteered with numerous civic and service organizations, including the American Red Cross. He portrays altruistic tendencies that have made him an asset to his community, friends, and family. Numerous individuals have informed my office of substantive contributions Mr. Chaudhry has made to this country.

I understand your duty and responsibility under the Nation's immigration law and appreciate your full and fair consideration in Mr. Chaudhry's case.

Sincerely,



Denny Heck
Member of Congress