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Honorable Paul A. DeFonzo US Department of Justice Immigration Court 1000 Second Ave, Ste 2500 Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Deportation of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry

Dear Judge DeFonzo,

We serve in the House of Representatives for the 22nd Legislative District and are writing in support of Muhammad "Zahid" Chaudhry, a former US National Guard member from our district who is facing deportation. Zahid has been active in our community for years, serving as a volunteer with the fire department, Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife, Ann, have raised money for numerous charities, assisted seniors with shopping and taking them to appointments, built community gardens, and volunteered with Native American children. Zahid and his wife have had an uplifting, positive impact on our community.

Our government should not be in the business of breaking families apart and tearing people from our community. Zahid has been married to an American citizen for 16 years and has been an active and productive member of society. Zahid is facing deportation to a country that is no longer his home. America is his home – the place where his family is and where he has worked hard to build strong community connections.

Zahid is scheduled for a full individual removal proceeding on Monday, July 17. Please grant his request to stay in the country.

Sincerely,

Representative Laurie Dolan

22nd Legislative District

Representative Beth Doglic 22nd Legislative District