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To Whom It May Concern:

As an Oregon resident of ten years and as a small business owner as well I wish to lend my positive support to the petition of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh to become a resident of the United States.

Though his presence thus far as proven controversial to some Oregonians, I would like it to be known that there are Oregonians who are positively impressed by the inspiration that this unusual man provides to his disciples in the operation of their communal farm and their Portland business enterprises.

Having visited their farm, I was impressed by the ecological care given in raising their crops and farm animals, an attitude which is attributed to the spiritual values of Rajneesh that man should live in harmony with nature.

Their religious and innovative use of organic farming methods could assure them of a significant share of the growing natural foods market in the Northwest in the years to come.

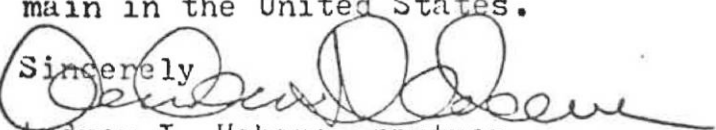
Our store has been one of the few non-Rajneesh owned Oregon businesses to begin to carry some of the organically grown produce and eggs produced by their farm.

Despite some members of the Salem fundamentalist Christian community who have let it be known that they would refuse to patronize our store because of our carrying Rajneesh products, our employees, for example, rejected the idea of our giving in to such religious intolerance pointing out that our store also carries products produced by other religious or lifestyle minorities.

The Rajneesh experiment has benefited many Oregon businesses and the presence of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh in this economically depressed state has made Oregon a tourist attraction for his many disciples around the world.

It seems to me that Oregon has much to gain economically if not spiritually should this unusual man and religious leader be allowed to remain in the United States.

Sincerely


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