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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern that Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh be granted residency status in the United States as a religious leader and spiritual teacher. As the editor of a magazine which provides ongoing coverage of world wide religions, I feel that it is extremely important that we open our doors in this country to the religious teachers of the world.

From my understanding of eastern religion, the fact that Rajneesh has taken a vow of silence in no way diminishes his power or effectiveness as a teacher.

I strongly urge you to act in the spirit of religious freedom and diversity upon which this country was founded.

Sincerely,

Peggy Taylor/editorial director