

To Whom it may Concern,

I was born and raised in Alaska. My mother's family had come up during the Alaska Gold Rush. My grandfather (E.F. Bob Bartlett) became a Territorial Delegate to the territory and worked to change Alaska's status from a territory to a state, in Washington D.C. He then became Alaska's first Senator.

My parents met while working for the legislature. My father then went on to work for the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska and later in Washington D.C. After raising us, my mother went back to school at the University of Oregon, where she obtained a Ph.D. in English and advanced degrees in Latin and Greek.

For me, it was a nice beginning into the 20th century growing up in Alaska in nature and politics.

It was in 1979 that I first heard of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Thereafter I attended Lane Community College.

I worked in Alaska at restaurants, and at Pederson Point Salmon Cannery, a remote settlement on the Bering Sea.

In 1983 when I came to Rajneeshpuram for the first time to work, I saw how mundane work

was transformed into a type of worship, prayer, knowing that we are motivated through our Masters love.

When I was a cleaner in the past, the experience was at best bearable, now however, through Bhagwan's presence my work is a joy. Since I've come here I've seen how happier I've become and how much healthier my relationships are with people.

Working with the same people always causes some friction, here I've seen how I can be in difficult situations and am able to see what the people are going through instead of becoming involved in frustration and arguments.

My experience with Bhagwan, and our community has shown me how politics and nature can live side by side in harmony. How it is possible to be "in the world and not of it," and how I can be in harmony with myself, those around me and my work.

Sincerely

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