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To Whom It May Concern:

I am Zahid's neighbor. I have lived next door to Zahid and Ann for there entire marriage. I'm guessing that it's been 8 years now.

I am a US born citizen and have lived in the Yakima Valley for 30 years. I am now 42 years old. I work for Orchard-Rite, an agricultural equipment manufacturer here in Yakima. I am a manager for Orchard-Rite.

Zahid is an honest even tempered man. We have spent many hours talking over the fence and sharing stories and discussing all kinds of topics. Every time we meet I am greeted by the same warm hello.

Ann and Zahid will often share there abundance of produce with us. Over the years they have been working diligently on there home and grounds. They both have an interest in making there home sustainable.

They have brought us meals at times, out of the blue. They have looked after our place while we are out of town, and offer to give a hand holding a wrench when I'm working on a vehicle.

Always a helping hand.....

You could not ask for a nicer neighbor.

I was surprised to find that Zahid was not a US citizen. I know that he did serve some time in the military. (I guess one should not assume.)

I believe that Zahid has a great desire to be a citizen of the US. He and Ann fly a US flag out in front of there house every day. Every evening it is taken down and stored away till morning.

I can share an instant that would tell of Zahid's reverence for this country.

A few years ago Zahid and Ann had a garage sale. We put some things out in our yard too. My daughter who was 8 at the time wanted to attract more attention to our side of the fence so we could sell more items. She brought out our US flag and stuck the pole into a stack pocket of my truck bed.

While we were sitting there the wind must have blown the flag over. It was touching the ground. Zahid saw this and asked my daughter to get it up off the ground. In a nice way... He said that it was disrespectful and it should never be dishonored.

I am happy to know that he holds the value of our flag and what it represents in high regard. And, he's not afraid to tell some one that.

I would think that a man who has served in our military should be allowed to be a citizen of the United States.

I can think of a whole lot of other people who come here to take what we have to offer and send it off to there home country.

Zahid's home is here with his wife. He is a contributing member to this community. If I were giving him a review as an employer the first words would be...."He's an Asset."

I will support Zahid and his desire to be a US citizen.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim A. Price". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "P" and a long horizontal stroke.

Tim A. Price