

Recommendation for citizenship in the United States of America

Regarding

Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry

To whom it may concern,

My name is Brandon James Waldbauer. I live at 806 South 6th Ave. in Yakima Washington. I am 30 years old and a legal citizen of the United States. I have worked in the construction industry for the last 10 years.

I meet Zahid late in 2000. He and my mother became engaged and they got married in January 2001. Since my dad had passed away from cancer many years before, my biggest concern was that my mom was happy with her decision to get married and I'm confident that he has made my mom very happy since they've been together. I have known him and have had a continued relationship with him as a part of my family ever since.

In my opinion Zahid is an honest, sincere caring individual, always wanting to help. When my wife and I bought our first home, and it needed extensive remodeling, Zahid went with me to purchase building materials and even provided several coupons he was saving so the cost of the materials wasn't as much as I would have had to pay on my own. Over the years, Zahid has given good advice of a number of things. He's been on hand (with mom) to play with my four small children (his grandchildren) when needed for babysitting, or when we've gotten together for dinners, birthdays, anniversaries, etc., whether at their house or our house.

It does not make sense that someone who volunteered for the Washington Army National Guard and was deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, and was permanently injured, would be marked to not be a citizen of the United States. It should be the least that we, as Americans, can do for him. He served so that I didn't have to; he served so that we all may enjoy our freedoms. It seems that citizenship for Zahid is a no-brainer.

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

Brandon J. Waldbauer

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