

July 6, 2009

Re: M. Zahid Chaudhry – United States Citizenship

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Chester Ferguson. I am a citizen of the United States. I am an apiarist, pollinating commercial fruit, seeds, berry & nuts for 30 years. I am past President of Central Washington Beekeepers Association, and am current President of Washington State Professional Beekeepers Association for the past 14 years.


I met (Muhammad) Zahid Chaudhry in the summer of 2001. Once he found out we lived in the same city, and with me being an introvert, he persisted until I opened up to meet with him. Since then we have gotten together many times over the past 8+ years. We've shared meals, laughter, sorrow, commiseration, conversation; we brought our minds together to solve a problem or just discuss an issue. I have seen and observed Zahid to strive and act to be a super citizen above and beyond the average American.

I traveled to Pakistan with Zahid to meet his family, stayed in his home, and traveled to the nearby areas of his family home, Lahore. He showed me wonderful places and introduced me to fantastic food and wonderful people of Pakistan, the most friendliest people I have ever met. I look forward to traveling again with him to Pakistan for a longer visit. Zahid, his wife, Ann, and I traveled to Alaska and we enjoyed traveling throughout the Kenai Peninsula, watching thousands and thousands of fishermen and women fishing for fresh salmon, watching bears compete side by side with the humans for the salmon, and seeing numerous other Alaskan wildlife. He has been a good friend to me.

I believe it would be a mistake not to welcome such people of merit as Zahid has continuously shown me to be as a citizen. Zahid will prove a valuable asset to our nation.

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

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