

Judge Paul deFonzo

Immigration Court

1000 Second Ave, Suite 2500

Seattle, WA 98104

July, 2017

Dear Judge Paul deFonzo,

My wife and I moved with our two children to Olympia three years ago and were blessed to meet Muhammad Zahid Chaudry through the Olympia Friends (Quaker) Meeting. In the time since, we have come to know Zahid as a vibrant and active community member and as an individual with unwavering commitment to the service of U.S. Military veterans including cofounding Veterans for Peace, a local organization which seeks to support the financial and housing needs of veterans in the Olympia area.

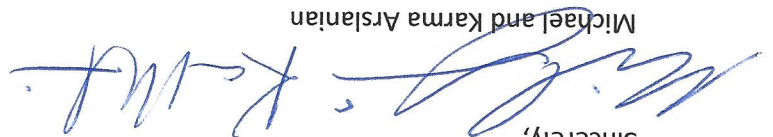
Zahid has faithfully served in the U.S. military, received decorations for his service, and

recommendations for citizenship from military officials. He has been married to a U.S. citizen for sixteen years. To deny him citizenship would not only be unjust but also be incredibly destructive to the

community which he has lived in and loved these many years. Quite frankly, Zahid is a more active, civic minded individual than many I know who were born in the United States. He is a true patriot.

We respectfully request that you close this case without further delay and allow Zahid and his wife to put their energy and efforts back towards their family and community rather than navigating the judicial system for cause that serves no one.

Sincerely,



Michael and Karma Arslanian