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Judge Paul deFonzo  
Immigration Court  
1000 Second Ave. Suite 2500  
Seattle WA 98104

July 14, 2017

Dear Judge deFonzo:

I am an independent accredited VA claims agent, an Army veteran (1966-1969), retired education professor, and a Quaker attending the Olympia Friends Meeting where Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry and his wife, Ann have regularly worshipped with us for years. Zahid frequently "speaks from the silence" with messages of peace, social justice, and concern for those less fortunate in our community. He has become a cherished friend and Friend in our Meeting that belongs to the Religious Society of Friends.

Zahid and I are elected officers of Veterans for Peace, Chapter 109 in Olympia. He has provided transportation to the American Lake VA facility for veterans without a way to get there. More important though, and that speaks to his character and values, he provides a place for homeless veterans to stay in West Olympia. He also provided a convenient parking place for our VFP chapter's 28 foot motorhome that is being used to reach veterans to assist them with their VA claims.

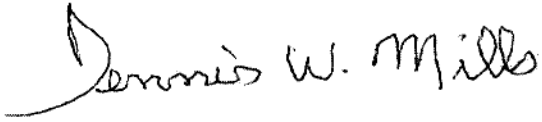
Zahid's life today speaks volumes about his value to our community. He is married to an American citizen for more than 16 years, honorably discharged from the Service, volunteered in numerous organizations—all this far more than what most U.S. citizens could ever claim!

I don't understand why the Immigration Court is even considering a questionable report that took place in Australia 21 or more years ago. To me, it smacks of prejudice against those perceived to be Muslims or 'the other' since 9-11.

Whatever happened to our country abiding by its promise to non-citizens that marrying an American citizen and serving in the Armed Services would guarantee their own right of citizenship?

I respectfully request that you close the case and let Mr. Chaudhry and Ann continue to live in the community that loves and respects them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis W. Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dennis W. Mills, Ph.D.