

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

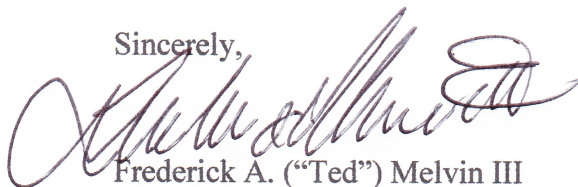
15 July 2017

As a 100% service connected disabled Navy boomer submarine veteran (1972-1975), I am writing in support of United States citizenship for Zahid Chaudry. I realize that the purpose of the upcoming hearing is to decide about deporting Zahid. Nevertheless, I believe that he has more than earned the right to call himself American, and that even considering deportation for someone who has served so selflessly for his adopted country is shameful.

Some people, who have not met Zahid and Ann Chaudry, might think that Zahid is dangerous or could be part of a terrorist scheme, because he was raised in Pakistan. Or, there could be a thought that Zahid only married Ann in order to have an excuse to stay in the United States. These are not thoughts that could be sustained once one has met and interacted with the Chaudrys. I have met and interacted with the Chaudry family many times and I have yet to meet a more gentle, loving and community minded couple. Zahid is sweet and patient with children, elderly, even with people with views with which he disagrees.

I feel a kindred spirit in Zahid, because we are both wheelchair bound veterans as a result of our honorable military service, and both have chosen to be Quakers, believing in a pacifist doctrine, rather than a military one.

Sincerely,



Frederick A. ("Ted") Melvin III
222 Linda Drive
San Antonio, TX 78216