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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jem Rockholt. My address is 2910 Shelton Ave, Yakima, WA 98902. My phone number is (509) 248-1258. I am 45 years old. I am a citizen of the United States of America. I am employed full-time by Strategic Consulting Services, Inc and I work as a vocational rehabilitation consultant.

Mr. Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry is the nephew of my former college instructor, a very dear friend of mine. I first met Mr. Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry in the summer of 1998 when he visited Yakima, WA. At that time I was the manager of a bicycle shop and I took Zahid out for a mountain bike trail ride. My first impression of Zahid was that he was very sincere, friendly, and genuinely happy individual.

Later when Zahid moved to Yakima, WA on a more permanent basis he worked with me for a short time at a vocational consulting firm. Mr. Chaudhry and I were interns at Whitmer and Associates in Yakima, WA. I recall that Mr. Chaudhry was enthusiastic about this work; however he was unable to continue with the position in late 2003 due to his participation in the National Guard and the fact that his unit had been tapped for training prior to deployment to Iraq.

I have kept in touch with Zahid over the years and he has helped me out numerous times with troubleshooting computer problems. We live in the same neighborhood. He and his wife, Ann Marie, have thoughtfully given me fresh fruit and vegetables they have picked and canned goods they have made. Zahid and his wife have shared my Christmas parties and backyard barbeques I find that Zahid is very honest, caring and generous.

As I mentioned above, Zahid's uncle is my good friend. I have traveled to Lahore, Pakistan and I have met Zahid's father, his mother, his brothers and sisters. All of Zahid's family speaks very fondly of him and from my personal experience I understand why his family feels as they do.

Zahid has requested to become a citizen of the United States of America. In my opinion he is already a valuable member of the community and I believe he understands the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living here. I personally fully support his endeavor to become a citizen of this diverse country.

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

Respectfully,

Jack Challes