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Honorable Paul A. DeFonzo
US Department of Justice
Immigration Court
1000 Second Ave, Ste 2500
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Deportation of Muhammad Zahid Chaudhry

Dear Judge DeFonzo,

My name is Beth Doglio, and I serve in the House of Representatives for the 22nd Legislative District. I write in firm and unwavering support of Muhammad "Zahid" Chaudhry, a decorated US Army veteran from my district who is facing deportation. Zahid has been active in our community for years, serving as a volunteer with the fire department, Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife, Ann, have raised money for numerous charities, assisted seniors with shopping and taking them to appointments, built community gardens, and volunteered with Native American children. Zahid and his wife have had an uplifting, positive impact on our community.

Our government should not be in the business of breaking families apart and tearing people from our community. Zahid came to this country legally. In addition, he's been married to an American citizen for 16 years. His parents have recently been granted citizenship, but won't stay if they can't be with their son. Zahid has already qualified for expedited citizenship based on Qualified Military Service, which is expedited even for those people who came here illegally and have broken US laws – Zahid falls into neither category, yet is facing deportation to a country that is no longer his home. America is his home, where he served honorably for our military, protecting our rights and fighting for our freedom…yet he is not free. This is a travesty.

Zahid is scheduled for a full individual removal proceeding on Monday, July 17. Please grant his request to stay in the country. Please do what is right.

Sincerely,

Representative Beth Doglio
22nd Legislative District

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