

July 16, 2009

To: Judge Timothy Fall

My name is [REDACTED]. I am 38 years old, I have been married for 12 years, and have a 4 year old daughter, I am a graduate from Chico State with a BA in Art History and deal in art and antiques. I am a devoted and compassionate person, who works hard in the community and supports my church as well. I believe Ajay shares my compassion and devoted nature to his family and community.

As a witness to Ajay Dev's case, I was simply stunned by the waste of time that was used by this court. It was clear from day one that Ajay was automatically convicted well before the verdict was read. I was embarrassed and ashamed while I sat in complete amazement that this can happen in our country. There was simply no evidence and the verdict was based on one misinterpreted line in a phone transcript. Now a 42 year old man with a broken family, who gave this young woman a family and a life in America sits in jail. All for doing something good for a girl who turned against the family.

During the trial, I watched critically as an "outsider" and I felt that Ajay did not have his day in court, nor did Ajay's supporters on the stand have adequate time to explain, yet [REDACTED] had an abundance of time to nonsensically repeat, "I don't remember, or I don't know...." I have known Ajay for more than 13 years and I know he is innocent. I am writing this letter in enthusiastic support of Ajay Dev's appeal. It would be difficult to find a more honest, reliable, capable, culturally sensitive and communicative human being than Ajay Dev.

Ajay has consistently demonstrated his competence and excellence in the community and in his field. I have witnessed and been motivated by Ajay's personal and professional initiative, strength of character, "team player" mentality and energetic drive. It is not only his ability to speak well, but also his willingness to truly listen that makes him a remarkable person. It is this combination of intellect, integrity, professionalism, honesty and innate human compassion that makes him a dynamic, approachable and effective person.

What I've discovered to be the two most important characteristics in Ajay would be his passion for wanting to help and compassion for human beings. Ajay is an individual with a passion to receive and impart knowledge to others with diverse abilities. His passion can be seen in his body language, his eyes, his gestures, his chosen words of speech, and his speech inflection. Ajay has the ability to place himself in another's place to achieve positive results and has an understanding of another's feelings. His empathy and compassion are present along with intelligence, training, knowledge of subject, and creativity. Ajay's heart is always open and he has that intangible spark that attracts others. It is my pleasure to be given an opportunity to put into writing the remarkable attributes that Ajay possesses. It is impossible, however, to effectively describe how incredible a

human being this man is in one short letter. His kindness and zest for life is very contagious (even through these trials and tribulations).

Please take the time to reexamine his case for appeal so that this innocent man can have a fair trial. After all, this country is built on honesty and protecting its people through a fair trial process where justice prevails and not prejudgment as was clearly evident in this case. How can so many of Ajay's supporters be incorrect about his innocence? It makes absolutely no sense that Peggy's family would sit in court drenched in tears if any of these allegations were remotely true. These are diverse Nepalese and American individuals, many of which are educated and professional people and would not waste their time supporting Ajay for weeks on end if they did not know Ajay as a person of honesty, integrity, and believe in his innocence.

Thank you for your time in reading this,

Sincerely,

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