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Keith Brown
USCIS Yakima
415 North Third Street
Yakima, WA 98901

Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile:

Re: N-400 Outside of Normal Processing Time For: Mushtaq Jihad (A212123947)

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Council on American-Islamic Relations is a national civil rights organization whose mission is to defend the religious rights of Muslims in America. Mushtaq Jihad has requested that CAIR-WA contact the Department of Homeland Security in regards to the three year delay of Mr. Jihad's N-400 application, which was received by CIS on July 1, 2013.

Mushtaq Jihad moved to the United States in August 2008, fleeing horrific circumstances in Iraq that caused Mr. Jihad to lose his leg and his only son. After five years of living in the Tri-Cities Mr. Jihad was finally eligible to apply for naturalization in August 2013. During those five years Mr. Jihad worked multiple mechanic jobs, put his children through school, went through multiple surgeries to retract the shrapnel from his leg, and was blessed with the birth of his fourth daughter. Shortly after Mr. Jihad applied for naturalization, he was diagnosed with Leukemia. With the help of medical insurance, provided on the basis of his green card, Mr. Jihad was able to pay for treatments and continue to support his family. Mr. Jihad's community has raised money for his cancer treatments and for his prosthetic leg. The Tri-Cities Herald has written multiple articles highlighting Mr. Jihad's courage and strong spirit. CAIR has recognized Mr. Jihad as an important figure in the American Muslim community.

Mushtaq Jihad's application for naturalization has been pending for more than two years. The unexplained delay of Mr. Jihad's application has had significant effects on Mr. Jihad and his family. Mr. Jihad has been denied medical care by DSHS and he will lose his Supplemental Security Income benefits in August 2016 because of the lack of action made by the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Jihad, has been attempting to acquire naturalization since August 2013. Mr. Jihad is in need of U. S. citizenship so that he may be allowed medical care for the ongoing treatment of his Leukemia. Despite repeated attempts to acquire citizenship through the Department of Homeland Security in Seattle, Mr. Jihad has been unable to move his application forward.

Since Mr. Jihad believes there is no reason his application should be on hold, CAIR-Washington is requesting that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security move Mr. Jihad's application through the "investigation" phase so that Mr. Jihad may receive his citizenship.

CAIR-Washington will continue to monitor this situation very closely and take any appropriate action that it deems necessary. We look forward to a swift and positive resolution.

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In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach me via e-mail at civilrights@wa.cair.com or via phone at 206.367.4081

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jasmin Samy".

Jasmin Samy
Civil Rights Manager

CC: Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate
Osbaldo Hernandez, Immigration Services & Constituent Outreach Representative for Patty Murray
Tom Roach, Immigration Attorney
Lean Rodriguez, Director, USCIS
Kareem Shora, DHS: Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

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