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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: WANG, Ruifang
D.O.B.: 1931-05-21

I have been asked to write a letter of support to enable Ms. Wang to become a landed immigrant of Canada.

Ms. Wang came to Canada in June of 1993 on a visitor's visa to look after her son, Mr. Feng Gao, who was at that time having a "nervous break-down".

Mr. Gao's difficulties began in the early part of 1992 when he developed a number of paranoid ideas concerning his employment in the faculty of Computer Science at U.B.C. and furthermore had a number of delusional ideas about some of Canada's political figures. In any event, Mr. Gao was admitted to the Psychiatric Department at U.B.C. in November of 1992 at which time he was diagnosed as suffering from a delusional disorder with paranoid features.

Mr. Gao was first referred to the Forensic Services in January of 1993 as he was attempting to convince the C.B.C. to air his concerns. Mr. Gao got into further difficulties by visiting the U.B.C. Hospital when he was forbidden to do so and also by insisting on having contact with certain lawyers with whom he was not supposed to. In any event, Mr. Gao subsequently appeared in court and on December 1, 1993 was sentenced to 1 years probation and was referred to our Outpatient Department. Prior to Mr. Gao's mother arriving in Canada in June of 1993, he had difficulty in following direction as to how he should conduct himself. However, since Mr. Gao's mothers arrival in Canada in June of 1993, his behavior and mental state have improved dramatically.

Mr. Gao has been able to stay out of any trouble and has successfully completed his 1 year of probation.

Mr. Gao's mother, Ms. Ruifang Wang (her maiden name) was born in China in the province of Guang Dong on May 21, 1931 and is now aged 63. Ms. Wang worked as a high school teacher, teaching the Chinese language to senior high school students and retired in 1988. She is in good physical and mental health.

Ms. Wang's husband, Qiyun Gao, is now aged about 62 and is a retired university professor who had lectured in Philosophy.

Mr. Gao has one sibling, his sister Ning, who is married and living in New York State where she works as a university lecturer. Ning is married to a professor with the Clarkson University in New York State.

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Mr. Gao himself, initially came to the United States in 1982 to take up post-graduate studies at Berkeley University in California where he completed his Doctorate Degree in 1988 following which he joined the Computer Science Faculty at U.B.C. In 1991 Mr. Gao started the process to sponsor his mother and father to come to Canada.

Mr. Gao himself became a Canadian citizen in 1992.

Due to Mr. Gao's mental illness, he has become unemployed and this has caused some difficulty with the processing of his mother's application for landed immigrant status in Canada.

I last examined Mr. Gao on May 11, 1995 at the Adult Forensic Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic at 307 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC. Mr. Gao was accompanied to the interview by his mother. They clearly have a close and personal relationship. His mother was pleasant and cooperative and displayed a sense of humor.

It is very clear that Mr. Gao's mother's presence has had a profoundly beneficial effect upon his own sense of well being. Mr. Gao currently has no symptoms of mental illness, is not on any medication and is able to follow direction in an appropriate fashion. Mr. Gao said that he is optimistic of returning to work in the near future, hopefully within 6 to 12 months. However, it is clear that the presence of Mr. Gao's mother in Canada is having a beneficial effect upon his future employability.

In summary, Mr. Gao has a history of mental illness dating back to 1992. Mr. Gao has received a diagnosis of suffering from a delusional disorder with paranoid features in a somewhat obsessive personality. However, since the arrival of his mother in June of 1993, Mr. Gao's mental state and overall level of functioning have dramatically improved.

It is my opinion that the continued presence of Mr. Gao's mother would be beneficial to him and would increase the likelihood of his returning to work.

I would therefore strongly support the application for Mr. Gao's mother, Ms. Ruifang Wang, being granted landed immigrant status.

If there is any further information that you may require, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

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