

To whom it may concern:

My name is Marina and I am a current undergraduate at UTD who met Iniyan through school. I've had the opportunity to talk with Iniyan in depth this past year and now consider him to be one of my closest friends. If I had to describe Iniyan in one word, it would be humanist. He cares deeply about others, both in his immediate community and beyond. In his view, there are no cultural, religious, racial, or national differences that could ever diminish the value of a human life. It's easy to say that you don't support war and egregious human rights violations, but the way Iniyan lives speaks to his character. There are many examples I can give of him living out this belief. Iniyan informed our friend group of a panel discussion with experts that was being given at the local library on prison reform in Texas and offered to drive anyone interested. He did the same for another panel discussion to discuss advancing the rights of people with disabilities. Iniyan's forwarding of emails or events from Human Rights Dallas or Friends webinars is a frequent occurrence. He signs petitions and informs us of things we can do to help in our little way. Iniyan was the one who told me that most chocolate production is based on slavery, even in the modern day, and to look for the Fair Trade symbol on any chocolate packaging so that I don't support slavery or child labor. He never buys any chocolate that has not been Fair Trade certified. With his love for humanity, one of his most firmly held convictions is that war is immoral. Over the past year and a half, Iniyan has done extensive research on the actions of the United States military and how it has destroyed so many lives. No justification given curbs his opposition to the idea of killing a person. I asked Iniyan once whether he would kill a man who threatened to murder his family. If he only had one bullet and couldn't aim to injure, would he kill when pressed? He responded that he would not kill another human being under any circumstance. Iniyan firmly believes that waging war is unnecessary to solve conflict and should not be used as a convenient solution to problems, as the military has used it for in the past. He is a true pacifist. I vouch for Iniyan's moral character and his commitment to standing by his beliefs.

Peace,

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