

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CLAYTON RAY MULLINS,

Defendant.

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**Criminal No. 21-cr-00035-EGS
(Release Order 21-mj-233)**

MOTION TO MODIFY CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

This past week marked three months of Clayton Mullins being in full compliance with the Court's Order Setting Conditions of Release (ECF No. 11; 21-mj-233-RMM; issued by Chief Judge Howell on March 2, 2021). Through undersigned counsel, Mr. Mullins respectfully moves this Honorable Court to withdraw the location restriction and monitoring conditions - provisions 7(p) and 7(q) - from said Order.

Pretrial Services Officer Joshua Rose, who is providing courtesy supervision in the Western District of Kentucky - Paducah Division, confirms that this requested modification is appropriate and does not oppose this motion.

Government counsel in Washington, D.C. opposes this motion.

The following letters from family and friends confirm a strong community of love and support for Clayton Mullins. These folks vouch for his honesty and reliability to continue honoring the Court's Orders.

Family (Exhibit A):

- 1) Nancy Mullins, Wife - Benton, Kentucky
- 2) Tena Sisson, Sister - Mayfield, Kentucky

- 3) Judy Skaggs, Sister - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 4) Ricky Dale Mullins, Brother - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 5) Charlotte Ann Mullins, Sister-in-law - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 6) Angie Gooch, Sister-in-law - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 7) Stephanie Dawn Mullins Richards, Sister-in-law - Paducah, Kentucky
- 8) Kim Rogers, Niece - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 9) Andy Spraggs, Nephew - New Orleans, Louisiana

Friends (Exhibit B):

- 1) Mark L. Crawford, M.D. - Paducah, Kentucky
- 2) Ben Crawford - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 3) Pastor Thomas Fortner - Trenton, Tennessee
- 4) Pastor Richard H. Heatherly - Portland, Tennessee
- 5) Pastor Chad Johnson - Russellville, Kentucky
- 6) Kyle Clayton - Finger, Tennessee
- 7) Jamey Clayton - Finger, Tennessee
- 8) David Baggett - Finger, Tennessee
- 9) Shanda Abbott - Wingo, Kentucky
- 10) Nicholas Dempsey - Benton, Kentucky

Friends (Exhibit C):

- 11) Robert Mosley - Belton, South Carolina
- 12) Billy Duncan - Kentucky
- 13) Rick Johnson - Mayfield, Kentucky

- 14) Anita Parker - Kentucky
- 15) Carol Ramage - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 16) Dewayne McKnight - Murray, Kentucky
- 17) Hazel Brewer - Baltimore, Kentucky
- 18) Richard Tomlin - Center, Texas
- 19) Johnny Gossum - Columbus, Kentucky
- 20) Raymond E. McAlpin - Mayfield, Kentucky

Friends (Exhibit D):

- 21) Belinda McCullough - Walker, Louisiana
- 22) Layta Kay Guthrie - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 23) Allene Skulina - Bardwell, Kentucky
- 24) Geneva Sullivan Wall - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 25) Don R. Holshouser - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 26) Lori Bunch - Wingo, Kentucky
- 27) Steven Bunch - Wingo, Kentucky
- 28) Joe Bunch - Wingo, Kentucky
- 29) Joshua H. Tabers - Murray, Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of June, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing Motion and proposed Order with the Clerk of Court using the CM / ECF system, which will send an electronic notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

 /s/
Pat Munroe Woodward, Esq.

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am Nancy Mullins the wife of Clayton Mullins. I am 50 years of age and have worked as a physical therapist in the local hospital of Mayfield, KY for the past 20 years. Clayton and I were married 4/14/2000 but we have been together since I was in 7th grade. So therefore I know him quite well to say the least. I can tell you from the bottom of my heart my husband would never hurt anyone. He loves the Lord, his wife, his family, his friends and his country. He respects law enforcement and veterans. He like most of his family and friends want this country to prosper and stay true to the constitution and Christian values.

I am asking you to consider my examples of my dear husband when you preside over his case. He grew up in Wingo, KY a small town in Graves County. He is an outgoing man that loves to work hard to achieve the American dream of success. He grew up in a loving and Christian home with not much money but that didn't matter to his parents and five siblings. As a child he worked hard at home cutting wood for their wood burning stove, helping at the stockyards feeding, loading & sorting cattle and helping tend tobacco for local farmers. He started at seventeen buying inexpensive vehicles and fixing them up to resale. By the time he was out of high school he worked for the Graves County Property Valuation Administration office and continued trading vehicles. In is late 20's he borrowed money to start a successful pallet building business. He then in early 30's began a business buying & selling heavy equipment. He also traveled thousands of miles to heavy equipment auctions all over this country to buy for a dealer in Tennessee. He did this for many years while running his own business. He now continues to work hard in his 50's at the Mullins Machinery, LLC business in Hickory, KY.

During these many years of travel and meeting people he got to know hundreds of business owners, auctioneers and buyers. Many have contacted us and want to know if they can help him in any way. They have also written letters to you confirming his honesty and trustworthiness. These men have grown to love Clayton for his advice on business and personal matters.


Clayton's dad died when he was in high school and Clayton took on the responsibility of caring for his mother until her death in her 80's. His mother instilled in him Christian values. Due to that raising he has helped so many people that were down and out. I know of at least three homeless men he has helped. Two have lived in his mother's old home place. He also allowed our pastor at Little Obion Baptist Church to use this home as a place of residence for several years free of charge. Another instance Clayton bought

a camper to allow a homeless man to stay on his property free of charge. He also helped a man just out of jail by providing him with a place to live and a job until he got back on his feet. He has taught young men how to trade and begin businesses of their own. He is the leader of our church due to our church seeking a pastor at this time. He opens the church every Sunday, organizes fill-in preachers to preach every Sunday, leads the singing and announcements, he is treasurer and he performs maintenance duties. Clayton has many pastor friends and they have all been deeply distressed by this circumstance. They have been a huge support to Clayton and I by their many prayers and words of encouragement and kindness.

My husband is respected in this community by many and we have been overwhelmed by support and love during this time. People have said things like "Clayton Mullins would not hurt anyone." "I know good and well Clayton would not hurt a cop." and etc. People have brought food and strangers have come to our home to pray with us and offer help. We are still getting cards in the mail and emails saying they are praying. It is very humbling to know we have so many people that support us and know my husband's heart.

Again my husband is a man that respects and honors police and knows better to cause them harm. He has many law enforcement and first responder friends and family - state police, city police, firemen, EMS & ex-FBI. He went to the Washington, DC out of love for his country along with many of Americans. We did not know it would end up in such tragedy and a day that has scarred our hearts. I know my husband and he is deeply sorry for the ones that lost their lives and those that were injured on that day. He has cried many tears of sorrow as well as I. We pray for those families that are still healing from loss of life and from injury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Mullins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Nancy Mullins

Tena Sigson

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Mayfield, KY 42066

May 2, 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am a 53-year-old mother of two children, and I have three grandchildren. I am an office manager of a fire protection company in Paducah, Kentucky. I am also the secretary of my church. Clayton is my brother.

I am asking that even though I am Clayton's sister, if you will consider the information about Clayton that I am writing to you about. I want you to know the type of person that my brother truly is.

Clayton and I are 13 months apart in age. We grew up together on a small farm in a two-bedroom house with our father and mother that was married for 49 years before our father's passing. Our father was a farmer, hauled livestock, a WWII veteran, that loved God, his family and country. Our mother was a homemaker that also loved God, her family and country. They both worked hard all their lives to provide for their family. We attended church services faithfully Sundays and Wednesday nights. They taught us by word and example how to honor God, honor them, to respect our elders and people of authority. They taught us that if we saw someone in need and had opportunity to help them, to do so.

Clayton and I were late in life babies coming 25 years after our oldest sister, 20 years after our oldest brother and 12 years after our other sister. Our parents were in their early 40's when we were born. Clayton and I were close growing up and are still close today. I had fun growing up with Clayton. He was always making me laugh, always thinking of fun things for us to do, a good brother. Clayton has always had a tender, compassionate heart and was thankful for how our parents sacrificed to give us what we needed. We were not rich, maybe poor in some people's eyes, but we were rich with the love of our parents and family.

Clayton never liked to see anyone get mistreated or hurt in any way even when he was a young age. He really didn't like anyone downgrading anything that our parents did for us or gave us. He defended them to anyone that was being derogatory about them in any way. In elementary school, he attempted to help those that couldn't defend themselves. He tried to be a friend to everyone.

Clayton didn't change even in his teenage years. He worked at several jobs to buy his own vehicles and all expenses that entails. He had many friends in high school and at the places he worked. I must admit, he wasn't the best student in high school and had to take extra credit work home in order to graduate. I tried to help him with this because our mother was adamant that he was getting a high school diploma! It wasn't easy to get him to sit down and do the work because he is a person that doesn't like to sit still. He was always busy. But he finished the extra work and graduated.

I watched Clayton change from an immature teenager to a mature man. I watched how his faith in God grew and how he tried to serve Him each day. He doesn't drink, smoke or swear, he lives a clean life and I know that he truly put his faith and trust in God's finished work by the example that he lives. He puts God first, loves his wife, his church and his family. He leads the singing at church and is the treasurer. The church doesn't have a pastor currently, so he opens and closes the buildings before and after services and is trying to find a pastor.

Clayton is not only my brother, but he is my best friend. I can always count on him whenever I am in need. Clayton and his wife, Nancy have always been there for me. He has helped me at many different times in my life. Both helped me when I went through a heart-wrenching divorce. I was a homemaker with no job, no income and nowhere to live. Also, at that time our elderly mother was sick, and we were dealing with all that entails. It was a dark time for me, Clayton helped me to not get discouraged but encouraged me continuously until I found a job to support myself and my two children. They also let me, and my two children move into their home until I found a place to live. Our mother was there also, and it was a full house. They helped me look for a house and they let us stay with them until I bought a house. He loaned me the down payment money for my house, and I paid him back as soon as I received the life insurance money that I cashed in. I know it had to be hard for them with all those people in their home, but I truly appreciate all they sacrificed for us at that time. I don't know what I would have done without them and their help. Since then, I haven't remarried and whenever something goes wrong with my vehicle, my home, whatever problem arises, Clayton always helps me take care of it with grace, no grumblings. I fiercely love him and his gentle soul. He and Nancy are the best friends I have ever had in my entire life.

Clayton was so good to our mother. He took better care of her in her last years than I, my two sisters or brother did. I am so ashamed of myself, and I wish that I had done more. She deserved so much more than I gave her. Our mother was a homemaker, so she didn't draw very much money during her retirement years. I have seen Clayton put money in her account repeatedly for several years when her account was getting low. I didn't do that, nor did my sisters and other

brother do it either. He would take her with him when he ran errands for his business or drive her around to any place that she wanted to go. Nancy and he would also take her with them on their vacations. She never went anywhere her whole life. She was so thankful to be able to go. Clayton spent a lot of time with her. I am so grateful that he did that for our mother. He showed me how a person should treat people that they love no matter what is going on in our lives.

I have also watched Clayton help many people through past years that were going through rough times. He has helped people get back on their feet when they have lost everything by giving them a job or help them with a place to live when they have nowhere else to go. I have watched him help several people start their own business by giving them advice and providing equipment to use until they can pay him back. People that know Clayton respect him because he is honest, and they know that can truly rely on him. He is a kind and compassionate man that anyone can go to when they are in need.

I am blessed that he is my brother and that he is also my friend. I couldn't have asked for a better person for God to place in my life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tena Sisson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tena Sisson

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins 21-CR-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am writing this letter on
on behalf of my brother, Clayton. My
Name is Judy Skaggs. I am 78 years old,
a house wife, mother of 3 grown children,
my husband and I live near where
Clayton grew up near Mayfield, Ky.

Clayton was born after I
was married. My children are close
to his age, they grew up together, went
to school together and got along well.
He was at our home about every
day as a child growing up.

Clayton is a good brother,
always there for me if I need
him. Our Dad died when Clayton
was a senior in high school. Clayton
was very helpful to our mother after
our Dad's passing and especially as she
grew older, I appreciated that very
much.

Clayton is a good Christian man. He's always faithful to attend Church, he is the song leader, always helping in the church anyway that he's needed.

In the community he is well liked and well thought of by some witnesses to people about the Lord and some don't want to hear that. I am very proud of Clayton and Nancy, his wife, and love them both dearly!

I greatly appreciate anything you can do to help my brother!
Thank you Judge Sullivan!

Sincerely,

Judy Skaggs

04 April 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am Ricky Dale Mullins, the only brother of Clayton Ray Mullins. I reside in Mayfield, Kentucky, and am an Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam era. I worked at Ingersoll Rand for 30 years as a cooler machine operator, until company relocation in 2001. But I officially retired in 2010. I am a member of Trace Creek Baptist Church. I am writing to you today to express my support for my brother Clayton Ray Mullins. Hopefully, my experiences with him will help the court better understand who he is as a person.

Given that Clayton is the youngest of my siblings, I have had the honor of knowing him his entire life. He was born while I was serving my country in the late 1960s. I have fond memories of him in his youth, such as attending church with him at Little Obion Baptist Church. However, we are much closer today. Our relationship goes far beyond the ties we have as a family. After Ingersoll Rand closed their Mayfield, Kentucky plant, I was left unemployed from my job of 30 years. Clayton stepped up and provided me a job at Mullins Machinery LLC to help support my family. Therefore, for over five years he was not just my brother, he was my coworker and employer. His acts of kindness did not only exist within the family but strangers as well. I recall a time a couple of years ago when Clayton met a man and his family at an equipment auction. The man had been injured in a logging accident- leaving him unable to work,

as well as putting his family in a financial crisis. Clayton was gracious enough to donate his funds to help them get through that tough time. The best part about this action was that he expected nothing in return, nor did he brag about his act of kindness to others.

As if this was not enough proof of his excellent character, his display of sacrifice was. After our father's passing in 1988, Clayton (19 years old) put his life on hold to take care of our widowed mother. Clayton assisted her with home improvement, financial hardships, helped keep the home farm going, and even purchased her a vehicle to drive. He was so involved in supporting her lifestyle that he did not get married until the age of 31. As a U.S. Veteran, I can assure you that sacrifice is one of the biggest testaments of someone's human nature.

In conclusion, in Clayton's 52 years of life, I have witnessed him perform endless acts that prove he possesses traits of love, passion, reliability, and diligence. He is one of the few people that I trust with my life. I hope you take my words into serious consideration throughout his legal process.

Sincerely,

Ricky Dale Mullins

04 April 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am Charlotte Ann Mullins, sister-in-law, married to Clayton Mullins' brother, Ricky for 53 years, and we reside in Mayfield, Kentucky. I worked for Aramark Uniform Incorporated for 44 years as the office secretary, I retired in 2015. I am a member of Trace Creek Baptist Church and have been for 16 years. Following retirement, I became involved in community outreach through the church. I am writing this letter in support of my brother-in-law Clayton Ray Mullins to show the court, personal accounts that provide insight into his normal behavior.

I have known Clayton his entire life. He was born after Ricky and I got married. Clayton always has been an important part of our family and his community. He has always conducted himself with good morals and has been there for his family. After his father's passing, he was there for his mother to provide her financial and physical assistance in her time of need. This is just one of the many acts of kindness Clayton has performed over his lifetime, and I believe he will continue to do more.

Growing up he was well-liked and respected by his peers, in and out of school. Today, his reputation in our community and the Jackson Purchase area is remarkable. Personally, I have never heard a negative remark about his character. At a young age, he was taught the importance

of hard work and taking responsibility for his actions. This is due to his upbringing on the family farm in Graves County, Kentucky. These traits of charisma and taking initiative are still seen in him to this day.

In conclusion, I understand the seriousness of the charges put against Clayton. However, because of his amazing character and standing in the community, I believe you should take into consideration the importance he has to those around him. I hope you use this letter to gain insight into who Clayton is and how he is a light to others.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Ann Mullins

Dear Judge Sullivan,

My name is Angie Gooch I'm 59 and I work as a hairdresser in Mayfield, Ky. at "A Touch Of Class 2" Salon . I've been in business for 34 years now. Clayton is married to my youngest sister Nancy for 21 years and they dated each other for 14! So he's been in my family for a long time. They have a very close relationship to each other. They have no children so that gives them more time to do things together and to lend a helping hand to others in need. There is 5 of us siblings and Clayton is one of 5 too so we have big families. But Clayton and Nancy are always checking on our Mom and Dad and going to their home often. They live an hour away at the lake but work 20 min away. But they always take time out for family. Clayton's father passed away many years ago so he always took very good care of his Mother too. He paid for many repairs on her house because she didn't have the money . When she passed away he owns it now and lets his pastor live there for free! They are very active in their church too. He leads the singing and they provide the elderly pastor with a meal nearly every Sunday too. Clayton had a big heart and he loves God with all his heart! He had lead several to the Lord too. He also fears the Lord too.

When I seen the video of Clayton pulling the leg of the policeman I had no doubt whatsoever what he was trying to do! He was trying to help him from getting trampled on! If he wasn't a caring person he wouldn't of went and reached to help him. And Clayton is a very strong and stout man (he's worked with horses and cattle all his life and lifted heavy equipment etc.) So if he wanted to harm or hurt the officer believe me he could of! That is not the way Clayton was raised and he would never hurt anyone like that! I know he should of not went up to the front of the capital but if I had of went with them that day and no one stopped me I may of done it too for a picture.

My sister, Clayton and my whole family has been devastated by how the media has run him down on the local channel 6 news like he was a murder !! Showing him in shackles! And even going to their home and they've had to install fencing and cameras to keep their home safe. And Clayton has owned his own business of selling heavy equipment for 9 yrs now and my sister has been a physical therapist at the hospital over 20 yrs. He is not a criminal! We are ashamed at the media but everyone that knows Clayton says they are praying for him and Nancy. We have a very close community they are loved by many people! They have God in their hearts and he will see them thru this awful mess! I pray that they can get back to their normal lives again. They haven't got to visit my parents together any since this incident with him on house arrest. Our family dinners have been put off until this is over too. It has been very sad for my mother. Our family will always be a strong support for Clayton because we love him and we know he didn't harm anyone. He didn't take any weapons or had any in the videos like they have accused. Thank you for taking time out and reading this. I appreciate you and God bless you!

Angie Gooch

30 April 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am Stephanie Dawn Mullins Richards, niece to Clayton Mullins, having known him my entire life. I have been married to Dwain Richards for 25 years. We reside in Paducah, Kentucky in which I work as a kindergarten instructional assistant at Lone Oak Elementary for the past 10 years. I am a member of Bellview Baptist Church and have been for over 20 years. I am writing this letter in support of Clayton Ray Mullins and hope to provide the court understanding of what his usual behavior is.

I have known Clayton for 48 years. He was four years old when I was born to his brother Ricky and his sister-in-law Charlotte Mullins. Clayton has been a very big part of our family and community included. I have very fond memories of him and me as children. We used to go to my grandmother's house every Sunday after church for family dinner and fellowship. He would take me and my other cousins fishing, horseback riding, swinging under the oak tree, and play hide and seek out at the family farm. So, you could say we grew up together.

When I came into high school, Graves County had just consolidated the year before. So, I was a freshman at the same time as he was a senior. Which meant all my friends thought it was so cool that I had an uncle still in high school. He was popular in those years and always kept

himself out of trouble. Though he was not the best student academically, he made up for it with his kindness, work ethic, and outgoing personality. These qualities showed even more during the difficult circumstances of his father's passing. In which he was just a year out of high school and about to get his life started, he put all of that on hold to care for his mother. Which included meeting all her physical, emotional, and financial needs. I believe this truly shows his character as the most difficult times in life bring the absolute best out of the world's best people.

Throughout the community, many of these positive views stay the same. Him being well known throughout Western Kentucky as a friend and businessman. His standing only improves when you talk about his faith. As he has been a committed member of Little Obion Baptist Church his whole life. Which has been and continues to be one of the most important parts of his life and has shaped him into the man he is today.

In conclusion, I believe in Clayton's outstanding character and the way he treats those he cares about. I have been around him my whole life and am proud to call him my uncle. With that being said I hope you consider this letter when making your decision and know how much he is loved and cared about from those lives that he has touched.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Dawn Mullins Richards

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Kim Rogers. Clayton is my uncle even though he is 4 years younger than me. I am a Christian and I have lived in Mayfield, KY all of my life. I love my family and my Church family.

I am writing this letter on behalf of Clayton Ray Mullins. Clayton and I have been close all of our lives. He has been there for me anytime I've needed him. My husband and me have had financial hardships and Clayton always tried to help us anyway he could.

Clayton helps out a lot at Church. He leads the singing, helps with maintenance issues and contacts preachers for services. He has worked hard at his business to make a living for Nancy and himself.

I love Clayton and I appreciate Him for having a heart that is concerned about the souls and well-being of others.

Sincerely,

Kim Rogers

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am writing this letter to provide the Court a clear understanding of who Clayton Mullins is. My name is Andy Spraggs. I am a 37-year-old Safety Field Specialist for Chevron Oronite (chemical company) and lead a little under 400 workers in safety and human performance. I have known Clayton Mullins as a good, hard-working man all of my life. He is my uncle and has always strived to keep a close relationship with me since I can remember.

Clayton (Uncle) is about sixteen years older than I and has always made it a priority to be the best influence for me. I was troubled and surprised to hear about his recent case as he has always withheld a reputation of character and integrity. It is the reason I am writing this letter of reference for Uncle regarding this matter and have most profound regard to this Court. You have my utmost respect in the seat you are holding, and I am thankful knowing you are taking the time to read this letter. Uncle has always been faithful at living a life that reflects hard work and dedication to God. Being a faithful tither, he taught us to work hard, earn money to pay for our word, and give back to God what is asked of us—being a good example and testimony to the Church by devoting time to the church family. At the Church I grew up in, Uncle is a leader and servant to those in need.

In my teen years, he provided work for me to grow my skills in building, recycling, and stacking pallets in his pallet business. It taught me the value of hard work and the value of my word. The pay was dedicated to gas money, insurance, and tithing to the Church. Without him and the position offered back then, I may not be where I am today. Throughout my life, when trouble and hardship came, Uncle is my go-to for a confident guide but most of all a dedicated prayer warrior to help see me through. Before getting married to my beautiful wife, he sat me down and told me what it takes to have a significant marriage: to be obedient to God in all things, keep my vows, and love her like Christ loves the Church. With him, there is value in a loving family, the community, and the Lord.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andy Spraggs', with a stylized, cursive script.

Andy Spraggs

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The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I have been an orthopedic surgeon for the last 38 years and practice here in my native western Kentucky. I have also served as an orthopedic surgeon and flight surgeon in the Kentucky Air National Guard and in the US Air Force Reserve including service in the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm.

I have known Clayton Mullins for around 25 years. I initially got to know Clayton as a reliable and hard worker in the early 1990's when he was helping my Dad round up cattle that didn't want to be rounded up on the family farm. I also have known him through his friendship with my brother Ben. Ben had to occasionally buy used equipment for our father's construction company. Clayton had earlier learned the cattle auction business and also had, by nature, good skills in relating to and dealing with other people. Clayton freely passed on some of these skills to my brother in learning how to value and purchase used construction equipment. My brother has built a successful equipment business that provides an affordable equipment rental option to the community and jobs for his employees. His success is due, in part, to Clayton's willingness to give freely of himself to others.

I have also gotten to know Clayton through my practice as an orthopedic surgeon. Clayton's high school sweetheart and wife, Nancy, is a physical therapist at the hospital where I operated for years. She has routinely cared for my patients, as well as members of my family. Seeing her every week at the hospital has allowed me to keep up with Clayton's activities over the years as he has built his own successful business in used equipment sales. Ever industrious, at one time a few years ago, Clayton had a business recycling used pallets. One of his employees sustained a severe hand injury which I cared for. Clayton's concern for his employee was demonstrated by his showing up in person at the hospital and at my office to assure that anything that I needed of him as the employer would be readily supplied. In my 38 years of experience, it has been extremely rare to see the boss of an injured worker show up in person but Clayton is one of those rare caring exceptions.

In our chosen professions, we both have to deal with people who have gotten themselves into trouble - you with the legal consequences and me with the medical consequences. You have to make the tougher decisions. I've had patients shot in the course of committing a robbery, drunk drivers who killed others and injured themselves, and gang members who have blown themselves up while arming a bomb meant for others. No one has sympathy for such patients. There are patients injured through no fault of their own - hit by a car that swerved into their lane or crushed by an equipment failure in a factory. They have our total sympathy. Then there are those patients in the middle. They start out with the best of intentions but make a bad last-minute decision that gets them hurt - such as diving into too shallow water while egged on by a crowd. I believe Clayton falls into this last category.

The medical decisions and treatment are the same for all of these classes of patients but not so the legal decisions a judge must make. Unlike a judge, I do not have to weigh mitigating circumstances. Through his good nature, ethic for hard work, and self-taught business acumen, Clayton has done quite well for a country boy. I have always known Clayton to be soft-spoken, a good listener, and kind. I have never heard him speak in bellicose terms or express extreme views on politics or other subjects. He neither smokes, nor drinks, nor uses profanity. He is devoted to his church and he is a devoted husband. I am certain that he would never have taken Nancy with him to Washington if he had even remotely contemplated involvement in anything illegal, much less any physical altercation.

I do not envy your position. Everyone wants fairness and justice. For half of the country, justice will only be served by seeing Clayton hung from the highest yardarm and you are the only person between Clayton and that outcome. It is my understanding that you allowed Clayton out on bail despite the Justice Department asking that he remain incarcerated. I found that decision courageous and heartening. Anyone who knows Clayton and Nancy Mullins knows that Clayton is no risk for flight or further mischief. Crime and politics is an absolutely toxic mixture that can make for a state pursuing overly harsh punishments, not just to punish the crime itself, but also to set an example to political opponents, e.g. the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland. Clayton is the kind of guy who will face up to his mistakes and take his fair number of licks. I trust that you are the kind of judge who will resist the political pressures, weigh Clayton's charges and mitigating circumstances, and arrive at a fair number of licks. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Crawford MD", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark L. Crawford MD

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

May 24, 2021

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Ben Crawford. I am the owner of a local equipment rental company and I do my best to be a respectable business owner. I believe that I am well liked and respected by most that know me.

I have known Clayton Mullins since 1992. Within a year of meeting Clayton I found myself working as a contractor on a construction job that was way behind. Clayton volunteered to help and worked with me for over two weeks until the job was completed. Although Clayton was paid, he never asked about payment or a wage rate. I am sure that he would have done it for free had I asked him. He did not do this because he was indebted to me but because he simply enjoys working and helping others.

Since that time Clayton and I have been close friends. Throughout those years he has always been involved with his church, usually going three times a week. He would invite most everyone that he developed a relationship with and many did and do go to church with him. He does not drink or use tobacco and I cannot remember ever hearing him utter a curse word.

During each of our courses of business Clayton and I would attend many auctions together. These auctions can bring a wide variety of people, and as you can imagine, some auction goers do not know how to act in a way that would be considered proper. I remember a time when a group of people at an auction were rather loudly cussing and using the Lord's name in vain. When Clayton overheard it, he walked over and asked if he could join them. When they gave him a confused look, he explained that he had overheard them talking about God, and assumed they were having Bible study and wanted to know if he could join them. That time was one of many that he has gently let people know that they may want to reflect on the way they were acting. While we all encounter people who we do not agree with, I have never known Clayton to raise a hand to anyone. He is compassionate and has always stood up for the little guy that he felt was being bullied.

After my wife and I were married I would occasionally ask Clayton to meet me at my house. As is my nature, I would be running late more often than not. When my wife would invite him to wait for me inside, he would say that he would just walk around our subdivision and get some exercise. After a couple of years of this I finally realized that although he enjoyed the exercise he didn't think it looked right for he and my wife to be together without me there. The thought never crossed my mind but it did his, and he wanted to be sure to do the right thing.

As Clayton's mother aged he would take her with him most everywhere he went. Since he is self-employed, he had the ability to take Jo (his mother) with him to his shop and while

traveling and buying or selling equipment. He enjoyed spending his day with her, and it kept her busy and engaged so she lead a more active life which I am sure helped her to live a longer and happier life. Having Jo with him did slow things down but he never once complained. He knew that spending time with those that you love was more important than making more money. I used to say that when I was driving I would have my dog with me, but when you would see Clayton he would have Jo.

Although I would have loved to have met him I never knew Clayton's dad. He passed away when Clayton was a teenager and before we met. Clayton is the youngest of his siblings and that was very stressful on Clayton and his family. Even with his early demise, he and Jo gave their children love, taught them a good work ethic, and raised all good, hard working, responsible, productive, and God-fearing adults, and I know that our society is better having each of them in it.

Clayton has true concern for everyone in my family. My dad was a former WW2 pilot and long-time businessman. At the age of 95 my dad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away from it over a year later at the age of 96. The day that my dad passed away Clayton was there with us which was quite comforting. He would hold dad's hand and try to get him to drink something. It was a very humbling experience to have our friend there spoon feeding dad and begging him to just drink a sip of water, all the time still calling him "Mr. Crawford." It was then that I took my last picture of dad there with Clayton by his side. I chose to take the picture not because I wanted to remember seeing dad that way but because I did not want to forget the love that was being given to my dad and our family in our time of sorrow.

Dad passed away within an hour. I am including a picture from that day because I want to try * and convey to you the good, loving, and harmless person that Clayton has been ever since I have known him. When I think of Clayton and the characteristics that define him, I have over 30 years of memories to choose from. It troubles me to know that many who do not know him are attempting to judge his character by examining only a thin sliver of his life. I wish they could review his actions of love that could be seen on the other 18,000 days of his life, but I guess that is something that only the Lord can do.

I thank you for taking on the difficult task of having to assess the character of the people that come before you. I am sure this is a task that you take very seriously knowing how greatly your decision will affect all of those involved. It must be difficult on you and your staff and I would like you to know that I have been and will be lifting up you and your staff in prayer. I have known Clayton for over 30 years and, contrary to the belief of some, I can assure you that our society is a better place having Clayton in it. I humbly ask that you show leniency and mercy toward my friend.

Sincerely,



Ben Crawford

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Mayfield, KY 42066

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Thomas Fortner

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Trenton, TN 38382

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan

United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Thomas Fortner. I am an 86 year old retired Baptist minister. I live in Trenton, Tennessee.

It is the purpose of my communication to provide the Court with information related to my personal relationship with Clayton.

I have known Clayton since he was a child. He and his family have been very dear friends for many years. Since he has matured into an adult, we have established a closer relationship. He is truly a good person and a faithful friend. I have personally observed that Clayton has a tender, considerate, and giving heart. Clayton is a man of integrity who displays honesty and reliability in all areas of his life. He has exhibited strength and perseverance when he is faced with challenges.

I have preached for several years at his church. I have personally observed Clayton serving within the church. He is very involved and committed. We have spent many hours in conversation and I have observed that Clayton is a man of spiritual understanding.

Because of my personal relationship with Clayton, it is my belief that he is a man of great honor.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fortner

Thomas Fortner

April 17th, 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

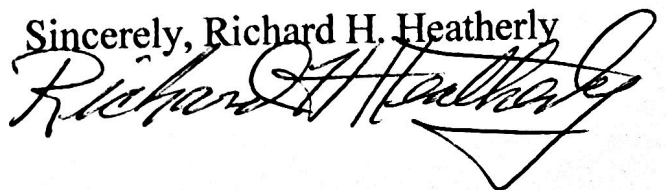
Dear Judge Sullivan:

I humbly request a little of your valuable time to present you with my personal testimony regarding the character, integrity and honest deportment of Clayton Mullins as an outstanding citizen and community member.

I am a veteran having served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict of the fifties. I am now eighty five years old. I have been involved fulltime in the gospel ministry for over sixty years. I have been a pastor of local churches dealing directly with people in their daily trials and blessings. I was Clayton's pastor for several years thereby getting to know him very well. I found him to be an honest and compassionate friend to any and all who needed Him. He has personally come to my assistance many times without having been asked. I am a person living on a very modest income and Clayton has helped me financially many times. He has done work on my vehicle free of charge several times. I know of others for whom he has provided housing assistance and help with their families. Clayton Mullins is a good man with a loving and kind heart toward others. I cannot conceive of Clayton being anything but kind and helpful to his fellowman.

Clayton grew up in a country setting on a working farm. He is the youngest member of a large close knit family with god-fearing parents who taught him the value of hard work, to respect authority and the value of honesty in his dealings with others. He has built a thriving and prosperous business from a small struggling beginning to a very lucrative and successful operation providing jobs for others. He has been a faithful and honorable husband to his wife. And he is an asset to the community. Clayton truly is a peaceful and caring person and one whom I consider myself very blessed to have as a dear friend. I love Clayton and his wife Nancy as my own children. I know Clayton as honorable and good.

Sincerely, Richard H. Heatherly



TO: The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Ave, NW,
Washington, DC 20001
Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

My name is Pastor Chad Johnson. I
Pastor Russellville Baptist Church in Russellville, KY,
where I have Pastored for 9 years. I am
also a 19 year employee of the United States
Postal Service. I reside in Logan County, Kentucky
with my wife and four children on our
family farm. I am a good friend of Clayton
Mullins.

I would like to use this letter to tell you
the the wonderful gally man that Clayton is.
I have known Clayton for about 12 years.
Clayton called me to come and preach at Little Ohio
Baptist Church because they did not have a pastor. When
I arrived Clayton was the first person to
greet me and my family.

Clayton
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When I shook hands with him you could tell by his grip he was a hard working man. As I got to know Clayton I learned that he was a honest bussiness man who was well respected for his honesty and work ethic. I could also tell he had a great love for God and his church. Before he would have me preach he wanted to know where I stood on doctrine. In 2012 I felt led to start a church in Russellville, KY. Clayton and Little Obion Baptist Church sponsored me in this effort. We had no money to speak of.

Clayton gave us \$500.00 to buy some used chairs for our church building. Clayton is a man who respects the law and loves America. He also is a devoted husband and devoted to supporting those who stand for what is right. Clayton Mullins is truly one of the good guys.

Thank you,

Chad Johnson

4-18-21


The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Kyle Clayton and I am from Finger, Tennessee. The purpose of this letter is to encourage the court to look at the character of Clayton Mullins. Clayton and I met when I was about 15 years old through the equipment business. At the time, I was just a kid trying to get started in the family business. Clayton showed me the same respect that he did anyone else and I instantly knew that I liked him. Through the years I have grown to respect Clayton for the honesty and kindness that he shows to everyone.

Clayton is the kind of guy that you want to do business with because you know you can trust what he says. People like that can be hard to come by and that is why I consider myself lucky to be his friend. I always enjoy when I pull up at an equipment sale and see Clayton there. He is a joy to be around and is friends with everyone. Good business and good friends are rare, but Clayton possess a lot of both and it is all accredited to the upstanding character that he shows every day. I ask that the court please consider this testament of character on behalf of Clayton.

Sincerely,



Kyle Clayton

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

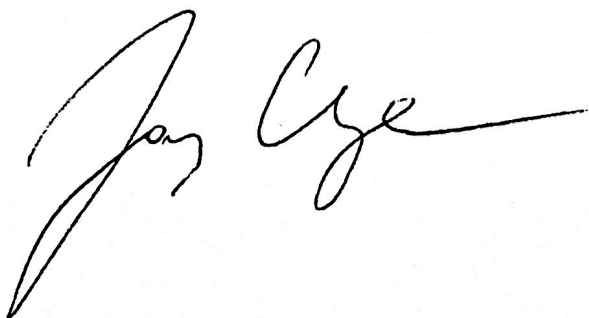
Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Jamey Clayton and I am from Finger, Tennessee. I have known Clayton Mullins for over 15 years. We met by chance through both of our dealings in the equipment business and have been friends ever since. In over 15 years of knowing Clayton, I have never once heard an ill word said about him. He is a man of true integrity. His word means something to him, and in today's society we need more people like that. Clayton is a generous man who is always there to help in time of need. He will go out of his way to help not only his friends, but others as well.

The purpose of this letter is to give insight to the tremendous character that Clayton exemplifies in his personal and business life. In business it is rare to find a man who no one can speak badly of, and that is why I feel it so important to show my support for Clayton. When Clayton tells you something, you can take it to the bank because he is a man of his word and he never speaks without knowledge to support his claim. It is rare that friendships hold true with many miles to separate one another, but that has never been an issue for Clayton and me. Over the course of our friendship I have lost my sister, dad, and mom, and with each loss Clayton made sure to check on me and my family. It means a lot when a man you met through business takes interest in your personal life and becomes your friend. I proudly support Clayton Mullins as he is a man that is easy to stand behind.

Sincerely,

Jamey Clayton

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Baggett Equipment

David Baggett

13683 Highway 45 North
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May 21, 2021

The Honorable Emmet G Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is David Baggett, I am writing you to express what a good friend and person I feel Clayton Mullins is. I have known him for about twelve years. I have been around him in a business capacity, and he has always been a very honest person. He's always had a reputation for honesty and reliability. When I am with him at the sales, we attend together, His behavior toward others is always very Christian and very honest. He's very trustworthy.

Sincerely yours,

David Baggett

May 31, 2021

Dear Honorable Judge Sullivan,

I am a close friend to Clayton Mullins and his family. I am 55 and have lived in the Wingo community my whole life. I am a disabled Registered Nurse.

I am more than happy to write a letter to you to provide the court with encouraging information about Clayton Mullins.

I have known Clayton his whole life. We became really good friends when he was 15 years old. We would all meet up at our small town's center and play games in the recreation center and then usually a bunch of us would go out to eat. Clayton usually came after he finished working either hauling hay, feeding cows, driving a tractor or anything else that needed to be done. When he got his drivers license he would always be the designated driver if anyone had been drinking. Clayton would give a job to those in need whenever he could. He was always kind and courteous and fun to be around.

Clayton was raised by two of the finest parents and people you will ever meet. He was raised in a Christian home and attended church with his family. They struggled to make ends meet with 5 children but they instilled their work ethic and faith into each child. They had what they needed and were very happy.

You won't find anyone in our community who has anything bad to say about Clayton or his family. They are all fine Christian people and very respected by others. Clayton is always willing to help others when there is a need. Clayton is a very honest person. He wouldn't hurt a fly. He is very tender hearted and can't stand to see anyone hurting or in trouble. He steps in to help whenever he can.

Sincerely,

Shanda Abbott

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

Clayton and Nancy Mullins have been my father's neighbors for the last 20 years. Over the many years there have been numerous occasions where Clayton has helped my father. Clayton and Nancy were also there for my father when my mother was killed in a motorcycle wreck in 2006. His willingness to help my father without being asked and check on the property during his absence is more than someone could ever ask for in a neighbor. Their relationship over the years has evolved from neighbors to friends. On many occasions my father has described their relationship as family. My father is now 75 years old, a retired insulator and Vietnam veteran, and with the majority of our family living many hours away, it has always been a comfort to know that Clayton was just next door if Dad needed anything.

I have since returned to the neighborhood with my family and can provide the same examples of Clayton's character. Clayton has stopped by to say hello and ended up staying for hours to help myself, or Dad and myself, complete the tasks we were working on. Clayton has offered and helped assist with locating equipment when needed during the construction process. We once were moving some materials around with a heavy lift after a rain. Long story short we got the equipment very stuck. We were unsure what to do and the only option I thought was to call an expensive tow truck. My father called Clayton and he quickly came over. With his extensive equipment knowledge he got the piece of equipment out at the same time showing us how to prevent it from happening again.

Clayton is very devoted to his faith. I cannot recall a Sunday morning that I did not see their car missing until afternoon while they traveled to their church to attend service. It is not a close church, distance wise, so this speaks to his priority in his faith.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Dempsey, Bobby Dempsey & Family

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan,

I, Robert Mosley, am writing this letter to you to provide a character reference for Mr. Clayton Mullins, who I have known as a friend and colleague for a period of fourteen years.

I first met Clayton through my work in the used equipment business. I have always been impressed by his altruistic personality. On several occasions, Clayton has sacrificed opportunities for purchasing equipment at auctions himself because he understood the need that I had to buy it. Often, I have witnessed Clayton buy lunch for others at auctions because the other person was short on cash. The Clayton that I know has always been a reliable, trustworthy, and decent person.

I was very surprised to learn of the charges that Clayton is facing. Through the years that I have known him, Clayton has always presented himself as a Christian man with great values and with good moral character in both his individual and professional life. I respect him greatly. I hope that the information that I provided helps you to understand what kind of individual Clayton really is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Mosley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Mosley

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

This is Billy Duncan. I'm a friend of Clayton Mullins. I log for a living, and I buy and sell used cars and equipment. I am writing this letter to provide the Court with personal and positive information about Clayton for the Court to consider.

I have known Clayton for going on 15 years now. I buy heavy equipment and semis from him. Clayton is a good christian man, I truly don't believe that he is even capable of doing what he has been accused of. Clayton is the kind of man that will drop everything, to help someone else when they need it.

He is a good family man. Clayton isn't the kind of man to get in a fight, especially not with a service member. In fact, he has an older brother that was drafted to the military. He is a very respectable, honest, christian man.

Sincerely,

Billy Duncan

This letter is a testimony of my knowledge of Clayton Mullins....

My name is Rick Johnson and I live in Mayfield, KY; my phone number is 270-559-8854.

I first met Clayton Mullins when I was about eight years old, he is the nephew of the man my parents rented our house from in Pryorsburg KY.

We became friends as most young boys can, playing in the fields and creeks.

Later when I was about 14 or 15 years old I used to help out at the local stockyard on sale days, which was Monday, Clayton was always there working with cattle and our friendship grew because we both enjoyed the challenge of working livestock through the sale.

We remained friends all the way through high school, We constantly were comparing three wheelers and four wheelers that we were working on for ourselves and other people and of course cars and trucks because that's what guys our age were into then.

After high school we didn't see each other as much obviously doing our own things and working but Clayton and I still remained friends, bumping into each other occasionally and always catching up with what the other had been doing.

Throughout several years as I had gotten married for a short time (2 yrs) I can remember Clayton's concern for me not having a successful marriage and asking if I was ok with genuine concern.....a true friend.

Later in recent years our friendship has gotten closer and we both have a lot of the same interests and we are both Christians sharing our Faith! Clayton has always been concerned for others' faith because of his own faith and convictions. We have had many discussions about how good the Lord has been to us both! Clayton always sent me a daily devotional every single day 1st thing in the morning!

Now that I am remarried to a wonderful woman and now have teenagers of my own I decided to go into my own Dirtwork business. After getting the new venture off the ground and needing equipment for my new business Clayton has helped me many times find equipment and parts for machinery.

Over the years he has been a true friend and I could not ask for a better one.

I love him like a brother!

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Anita Parker. I have known Clayton and Nancy for 30 plus years. We all attended a small town school. We grew up in a rural community where everyone knew each other and was willing to help each other. Clayton comes from a well known and respected family.

Clayton is a few years older than I am. However, I can remember him coming over to my parent's home for gatherings. He was always so kind and respectful to them. He is not a trouble maker or violent person in any way. Clayton is a very good person. He would help anyone any way he could.

Clayton and Nancy are both well respected citizens in the community. Clayton has been self employed businessman for 15 plus years. Nancy has been a physical therapist for 20 years at our local hospital. They are both hard working patriots that love this country.

The charges that are being brought against him does not reflect the person he is at all. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Anita Parker

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan

United States District Court

333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am a friend of Clayton Ray Mullins. I have known Clayton and his wife Nancy for over 25 years. We were members of the same Church. I saw and interacted with him several times per week in Church and activities in a personal environment. I raised my granddaughter and they were both kind and involved in her life. Clayton donated his time in the school activities that she attended. He was always helpful and was the first to step up to help anyone. I knew that Clayton would do anything to encourage her. I am very thankful for him. He and Nancy did not have children of their own but was there for any child, whether his family or children in our Church.

Clayton is known to be a God loving man, funny, he loves his family and would help anyone who needed it.

Clayton needs our support now and that is why I am writing this letter. I want you to know the Clayton that I have known for many years.

Sincerely,

Carol Ramage

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan

United States District Court

333 Constitution Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan

My name is Dewayne McKnight, I live in Murray Kentucky. I met Clayton through our businesses, he has been my friend for the past 25 years or so. I don't see him every day but when I do he always acknowledges me by name. Clayton is easy to talk to and very smart. You can tell Clayton is a Christian man he's the same every time, always personable and helpful, telling me where I can get help for equipment I need to have work done on, or where something is I might be interested in buying. Clayton has always worked hard and honest.

I am writing this letter so the courts can see the personnel, positive, and uplifting side of Clayton. The things said about him through media and others who do not know him are wrong. Clayton is handling a lot of stress along with his wife and family too. I can see how this ordeal is taking a toll on him and leaving him drained. With God's help and support from his friends and family he will get through it.

Clayton loves his country and ended up in the wrong place at the wrong time mixed up in the commotion of what was going on.

Thank you, I will continue to pray for Clayton.

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue,
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Hazel Brewer retired Air Force. I proudly served our country for 28 Years. During that time, I raised two outstanding daughters. One lives in New Hampshire and my oldest lives 5 miles from where I was raised. So, I travel from New Hampshire to Kentucky my family still lives in Baltimore. A little place outside of Wingo, Kentucky.

As a veteran that was committed to the safety of our country, I have no hesitation writing in support of Clayton's character. I want to help you understand what an honest and reliable man he is. Anyone that knows Clayton would only have positive things to say. Clayton is a man of his word. Clayton would never hesitate to help anyone he sees in need.

Clayton's family and my family have been neighbors and family friends for almost fifty years. I know Clayton personally as a quiet and respectful person. We lived about three miles from each other. Rode the school bus and still best friends with his sister. I know Clayton as always being very honest person. Clayton and his Family has always expressed their gratitude for my service and for anyone in service of our country or serves the public.

Clayton is peaceful and would never do harm to anyone. I wish there was more men and women that shared Clayton's belief in God and family he sets the bar high for anyone young or old that meets him. Someone I am proud to call a friend.

Sincerely

Hazel Brewer

April 16, 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am writing this letter to share my personal experience with Clayton. I have lived in Center, a small town in East Texas, all my life. As I approach 70 years old, I am blessed to have been self-employed most of my adult life. Through my business experience I had the opportunity to meet a lot of people, one of those being Clayton. Although, I cannot tell you exactly when I first met him, it was during one of the many Marvin's sales (Henderson's Auction). I was extremely impressed with him and it seems we had a lot in common. We both have strong Christian beliefs, when we would go out to eat after an auction, he would always give thanks for the food and fellowship.

In my opinion, Clayton is one of the most reliable, honest, trustworthy people I have done business with.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Tomlin", written in a cursive style.

Richard Tomlin
96 Equipment, Inc.
PO Box 1713
Center, TX 75935
936-591-9100

To: The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Sullivan,

My name is Johnny Gossum and I am writing in support of a dear friend, Clayton Mullins. I have literally known Clayton since his birth. Our families were neighbors growing up and Clayton was the baby brother of one of my close friends. He was the sweetest kid. Always very polite and smiling. He was that way all through his growing up years and made friends easily because of it. He was just that type of kid that teachers loved and students gravitated towards. He has always had a kind and loving heart. As far as I know, he has never been in trouble in his life. We all grew up on farms and were rather poor financially, but rich in great friendships. Clayton went on to become a very successful business man, but I can guarantee if I had ever needed anything, Clayton would have met that need. I don't know the circumstances that happened that day in Washington, but I do know human nature and how sometimes people can get caught up in the moment and do and say things they would normally never do. Clayton is a good person. He is a good citizen. He is not a threat to society in any way. I am asking you to please take what I've said into consideration and grant him mercy. I know we all don't deserve mercy, but in this case I believe Clayton would forever be indebted to you if you would. Thank you for reading my letter and I'm praying for all parties involved.

Sincerely,
Johnny Gossum

May 1, 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

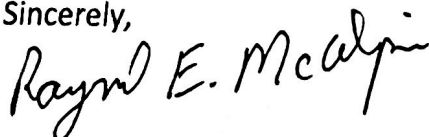
I am Raymond McAlpin, 70 years old of Mayfield, KY. I am writing in support of Clayton Ray Mullins. I met Clayton in 1985 when I joined Little Obion Baptist Church. I'm guessing that Clayton was about 17 years old at that time. His mother and Dad, Tade and Virginia Jo Mullins, made sure their family was in church and exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and as far as I know all their children and grandchildren are born again Christians. According to Clayton's profession of faith, I had all the confidence in the world in him. Later on he became the church treasurer.

I never knew of Clayton doing anything out of the way growing up until this incident. My honest opinion is that he was trying to get that policeman out of harm's way.

I have lived in the same community as Clayton since 1993. I am a cattle farmer and he has helped me at times when cattle got out or sorting cattle or loading them to take to market. In my opinion, I believe with all my heart if I called Clayton today for help he would be here if he could.

Clayton is a good neighbor, friend and Christian man that got caught up in something that was bigger than he was. Washington D.C. is a long way from KY and a different culture than we have here in Western KY. Clayton has built a business in our community and his wife Nancy has a reputable job at our local hospital. It would be a shame to destroy this young couple's character and reputation in our town, community and church.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond E. McAlpin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raymond E. McAlpin

April 15, 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am trying so hard to find the correct words that can express just how passionate I am for the opportunity to write this letter.

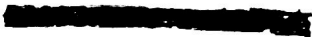
There has not been one second since Clayton's arrest that has made me doubt him. I have known Clayton for over 20 years. Our paths crossed so many years ago in the equipment auction industry. I have been around him in business and as friends. He is known for his knowledge of trucks and equipment. So here is my prayer, and chance to tell you the Clayton that I know.

Never have I heard him say anything that would be considered anything but respectful. I know his faith is in the Lord. I know if he asks how are you? He really wants to know.

I know you are a very busy man in such crazy world. It must be hard to Judge anyone. I am the mother of a police officer. I pray everyday for his wisdom, courage, and safety. Those of you that protect, serve, and make choices that can affect an entire planet are constantly in my prayers. I would never stand up for someone that would intentionally hurt anyone.

Right Now, my prayer is that you see the Clayton Mullins that is loved and respected. Without doubt, Judge Sullivan, when you witness the Clayton that we all know, my prayer is that you too without doubt will say. This is a Good Man.

Sincerely,
Belinda McCullough


Walker, La 70785
Mobile: 225.678.9293

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 333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
 Washington D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins 21-cr-00035-EGS
 Dear Judge Sullivan;

Sincerely,

I would like to write this letter to
 make help Clayton Ray Mullins.

I don't know Clayton real well but I
 do know his family, and I believe
 that family is very important to support
 him. Clayton's family is the most
 up standing, honest & people in this
 neighborhood. I have known them
 my whole life. He was raised
 in a good family.

Personally I don't know really what
 happen, I do not believe all what
 the media shows or says. So what
 he done for sure I don't know. I am
 having a hard time believing all that I see
 on TV. The Clayton I know of has
 had no proper offence, no record. But he
 does go to church regular & his wife I know
 well. She is a very good person hard worker
 & I know he has his own business, so
 I am asking for mercy for him, for his
 sake & his family's sake. There all so
 hurt. I don't know if this will do any good
 or not, but I had to write this

Thank you for giving me time
time to read this. I appreciate
any kind of help that you can
give him.

Thank you Again

Layla Kay Luthrie

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5.4-21

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins.

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Allene Skulina. I am an 86 year old Widow. I would like to say a few positive things about my friend Clayton Mullins.

We met in 1995. We were in Church together.

He was willing to ^{do} anything he was asked to do. And volunteered his services when he saw they were needed. He is a very unselfish person.

He helped take care of his mother until she passed. He took her on trips with her and his wife.

He was a good son.

He was a good friend to my husband and me.

He loved taking us out to eat and planning birthday parties for us. He insisted on providing

transportation to church, and other places. He was like a grandfather to us. He was a good heart.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Allene Skulina

4/29/21

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RE Clayton Ray Mullin 21-CR-00035-FGS
Dear Judge Sullivan

I am a long time friend of Clayton and whole family. I have known since his birth. I am retired from 30 years of factory work. I am 91 years old, I have lived around Mayfield since 1947.

Clayton took care of his mother until her death. He loves his church and family. Even though its a small church he wants to keep it going. He helps any one who needs it. They are both a hard working couple. I have never known him to hurt anyone.

Sincerely
Geneva Sullivan Wall

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Mayfield, Ky 42066

May 23, 2021

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Don Holshouser from Mayfield, Ky. I'm 67 years old and have lived here my entire life. I first met Clayton Mullins in 1991 as we worked together for the Ky Revenue Cabinet in the Graves County property valuation office. Our duties were to update data so the state of KY could assess property more effectively. During this time we became good friends as well as co-workers. He was a positive influence on me through his strong work ethic and his dedication to his family, friends and church. I knew Clayton would progress and succeed at anything he did. To this day he runs a successful heavy equipment and machinery business that he built from the ground up. He believes in hard work and dedication. I have never known Clayton to treat anyone disrespectful or cause any trouble. He believes in and loves this great country and in the American dream and that liberty and freedom is a gift from God. Thank you for this opportunity to describe the character of my good friend and brother in Christ forever.

Sincerely,

Don R Holshouser

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United States District Court
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Lori Bunch, I am 54 years old and I grew up with Clayton and his sister Tena. Tena & I were best friends since we were small and continue to be friends to this day. My sister went to school with his sister Janice and Clayton and his nephew Jeff Skaggs have worked for our business in the past. We run an auction & realty company and Jeff & Clayton both had their Auctioneer licenses under my husband.

I am writing this letter to prove the Court with personal, positive, uplifting and encouraging information about Clayton for the Court to consider.

As I stated previously I have known Clayton and his family all of my life. Clayton has always been nothing but great to me and my family. We have had a situation with my brother-in-law, who went behind our back and opened his own business and Clayton has always had our back. He knows how hard we have worked over the years to get where we are today, and Clayton has done the same. He is one of the most hard working people I know, as is his entire family.

Clayton grew up having to work. He was the youngest of 6 siblings and grew up in a good Christian home. His mom & dad and siblings worked hard every day to make it. Clayton grew up and took his Christian faith and work ethic and became a self-made business man. After his father passed away and his mother grew older, he helped take care of her.

Personally, Clayton has never been anything but great to me and my family. We have had business dealings with him and it's always been above board and honest. Clayton is also a person who is going to stand up for himself and others. He has a deep Christian faith and he doesn't have a problem standing up for it, or for anything he believes in. I just don't believe Clayton has it in him to purposely hurt anyone.

Sincerely,



Lori Bunch

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Re: Clayton Ray Mullins 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Steven Bunch, I am 58 years old and have know Clayton and his family for years. I am writing this letter to give my personal experience and opinion of Clayton and his family.

Clayton has worked for my business and was an apprentice auctioneer under me. He let his license go when we had a discussion one day about being an Auctioneer and a seller. I told him he couldn't do both and be honest and treat people right. He had to make a decision to do one or the other. He chose to start his own company and buy and sell equipment out right. That was a great choice for him. He has done very well over the years in the Equipment and Auto business. He is a lot like me, a self made business owner. We both had to start from the ground and work up to get where we are to day. We both run very successful businesses and I know the hard work he had to put in to get where he is today. He wouldn't be there if he didn't treat people right.

I went to school with Jeff Skaggs, Clayton's nephew and have been around his family most of my life. Clayton has always had my back in situations with a couple of people that worked for me and has been nothing but great to me and my family, especially my son Joe. Clayton grew up hard and without a lot. But he had a great Christian family who also had great work ethic. He learned how to work from the time he was young and his family is probably the hardest working family I have ever met.

Clayton grew up having to work. He was the youngest of 6 siblings and grew up in a good Christian home. His mom & dad and siblings worked hard every day to make it. Clayton grew up and took his Christian faith and work ethic and became a self made business man. After his father passed away and his mother grew older, he helped take care of her.

I know without a doubt that Clayton would be there for me in a second if I, or anyone in my family needed something. Clayton is a very dedicated, loyal, hardworking Christian man. Clayton comes to our auctions and buys equipment and we have never had any problems.

Sincerely,



Steven Bunch

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Re: Clayton Ray Mullins 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Joe Bunch, I am 29 years old and have known Clayton since I was a little boy. He worked for my dad Steven Bunch in the auction business and was always good to me. I am writing this letter to provide information on the experiences I have had with Clayton for the Court to consider.

Clayton worked for my dad for and I was around him a lot when I was small. Now that I am older and part business owner, we now have business dealings. He attends our auctions and sells equipment at our auctions and buys equipment at our auctions. He has never been anything but honest and true to his word. I am usually the one that deals with him and what he wants to sell now, and I definitely look up to and respect the Christian, business man he is. I know he is a lot like my dad. He grew up hard and had to work hard to get where he is today.

I respect the man Clayton is. He had to work to get where he is. He didn't come from a rich family that set him up for the rest of his life. He has had to do it himself. He is one of the most loyal friends my dad has. He always has my family's back. If he hears anyone talking bad about a friend or family member of his, he will stick up for them without hesitation. In my opinion, there should be more people like Clayton out there, that are loyal, honest, hard working and humble.

Sincerely,

Joe Bunch

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Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I am writing in strong support of leniency for Clayton Mullins. He has been a good friend to me for a number of years. Having been in the automobile business all my life, it is hard to find someone that you can trust and have faith they will do as they say. Clayton is one of those people, his word is his bond.

While I believe he was in the wrong place, at the wrong time, I believe he was there with good intentions. As a pillar of our community, Clayton is someone that can be trusted. I have always known him to be a peaceful man.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua H. Tabers

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

CLAYTON RAY MULLINS,

Defendant.

Criminal No. 21-cr-00035-EGS
(Release Order 21-mj-233)

ORDER

Upon consideration of Defendant's Motion to Modify Conditions of Release, with the agreement of the Pretrial Services Office of the Western District of Kentucky - Paducah Division, it is this _____ day of June, 2021,

ORDERED, that the Order Setting Conditions of Release (ECF No. 11) issued on March 2, 2021, is hereby modified to remove Defendant from the location restriction (7(p)) and monitoring (7(q)) conditions.

All other conditions of release remain in full force and effect.

Emmet G. Sullivan
United States Judge