

April 7, 2022

Dear Honorable Judge Boasberg,

On Monday, my husband, Paul Westover, will appear before you to receive his sentence for parading within the Capitol on January 6th. I am sure that you have seen much evidence and read many words describing that day, everything leading up to it, and much since. My request, here, is that you would consider my heart for him in rendering your judgement.

Paul and I have been married for almost 30 years now. The past year has been the most difficult of all as we have walked out the consequences of January 6th. Words cannot really express what my children, my family, and my marriage have been through. Paul has been carrying the sentence of that day from the moment that it happened and regrets every minute of his involvement.

Now that we stand at the end of this, I know that the government would like for him to go to prison for his participation in that day. I ask you, please, to not render this as his punishment. I concern mostly for my children still at home, who are 14, 7 and 5; Laura, Caroline, and Brendan. It has been over a year since their home was raided and they are still feeling the effects of that. Paul is always there for them. He is "that" dad. He's the coach, he's the teacher, he's the tucker-inner, he's the breakfast maker. He's their everything. If he is taken to prison, it will alter the course of their lives and the way they see him and know him even more than this already has.

He's also my everything. I watched him drive away to Washington, D.C. with a friend 15 months ago and the person who left that day is not the person I am married to now. This has changed him, not for the good. It is a heavy burden that he has done his best to absorb for me and my children the best he can, in any way that he can, so as minimize what we have had to endure because of the choices he made that day. It is heavy, and I see that in him every minute of every day. Having to leave us to carry things in his absence would devastate him, knowing that he did that to us.

I also concern for his business, which has suffered greatly. He is the sole provider for our family and the sole employee of his company. Without him sitting down at the desk every morning, there is no company and there is no income. If he goes to jail, I know we will lose more clients and I don't believe we can sustain with what will be left.

Paul Westover, my husband, is an honorable man who goes through life with his head down, just working and serving and loving his family and those around him selflessly and tirelessly. I know he is sorry, and I also am sorry, that he ever went to Washington. I pray that you will see his character in his words and in mine and that you will consider those things in rendering your sentence.

Sincerely,

Christina Westover