

December 30,2023

Dear Honorable Judge John D Bates,

I am coming to you with a sincere heart. Stephanie and I are more than friends, I consider her like an older sister. We met in 2019 when she helped us find our beloved puppy Jonah, which that's just one of the many wonderful things she did for my family and I. After the passing of my mom, I took on the responsibility of my two twin sisters who are special needs. There were times when I felt like I couldn't handle the responsibilities of taking care of them alongside my own children. Let me just tell you the support, encouragement and resources she gave me were amazing. Whenever I needed her little or big she was there. Today we are here thriving because of God's Grace and her Support.

I've witnessed so many good things she has done not only for her family, myself but also for others. She has taken my daughter under her wing and made a place in her family where she could come and spend time with her children and learn how to care for her animals. Stephanie attends to both night and day. Stephanie gave my daughter a sense of purpose and belonging when she needed it. My daughter adores Stephanie's family and I trust my children with her gentle nature, always.

Stephanie Hazelton is amicable, loving, and respectful to everyone and their feelings and views and shows empathetic. For as long as I have known Stephanie, I continue to learn and see more of how loving and caring she is towards others. Stephanie is the type of person who lives by "selfless giving is the art of living".

I know this has been a difficult few years for our country, and I have been sad to see it. But I have witnessed the true person Stephanie is and these last years she has only been dedicated to her family and friends. Please, take into consideration Stephanie's giving and compassionate nature when making your judgment.

Sincerely,

Candice E. Lester

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January 12, 2023

Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
US District Court of the District of Columbia
333 Constitutional Avenue
Northwest Washington DC, 20001

Dear Judge Bates:

Hello. My name is Maria Santomauro-Lewis I am a mother, teacher, human resources professional and a very good friend of Stephanie Hazelton. I am writing on behalf of our entire family including my husband Albert Lewis to offer a fuller picture of Stephanie as a person.

We have known Stephanie for approximately 5 years, and we have been extremely close friends for about 4 years. When I first met Stephanie, it was in a setting with our children. I first observed how patient and loving she was with her children. She was warm and friendly to all who she encountered. Over the years I have gotten to know Stephanie more intimately and we have become extremely close friends. I have been able to count on Stephanie to help me with my children, when I have needed groceries due to illness, or just to lend an ear when I need to talk. Stephanie volunteers at our homeschool co-op as a teacher and is passionate, smart and organized; honestly one of the best teachers that I have ever witnessed.

I don't leave my kids with many as I have an immune-compromised child, yet I have left my children in Stephanie's care on numerous occasions. When our family fell ill with Covid in September 2021 Stephanie was the first one there with groceries and offering any help she could. I have witnessed Stephanie helping others countless times as well!

We have traveled together and spent hours celebrating our children's milestones and birthdays. When I think of Stephanie Hazelton I don't think of a criminal or a threat in any way to any living thing.

I know Stephanie regrets being there on January 6 and feels great remorse. She has told me multiple times that she wishes she could turn back time. We can only go forward and learn from our mistakes.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We are asking that you consider all of these facts about Stephanie's character and have mercy on her as a mother, friend, teacher and animal lover.

Feel free to reach out to our family if more information is needed.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable John D. Bates
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333 Constitution Avenue, Northwest Washington, DC 20001

December 17, 2022

Dear Judge John D. Bates,

I have been a teacher in New Jersey teacher for 14 years and a mother of 6 children. Together with my husband, who is also a teacher, I own a clothing consignment shop and a floral arrangement service. I am writing on behalf of a dear friend of mine, Stephanie Hazelton. I have personally known Stephanie for over two years but have witnessed her positive impact in my community for several more.

Upon meeting Stephanie, one can feel her warm and loving energy instantly. Stephanie is someone that can be trusted and depended upon, and she often wears a lot of hats trying to be of service to others in her local community and beyond. Her calm and peaceful disposition makes Stephanie very approachable and relatable. She is the friend that would give me the shirt off her back, babysit my children at a moment's notice or drop off soup on my doorstep if she knew I was ill. Having someone of this type of character and heart, I would never take for granted.

As one of the teachers at our homeschool co-op, Stephanie volunteers her personal time to prepare meaningful lessons for her students. Our children feel safe with Stephanie and love learning what she teaches. She is very well versed in several different subjects and generously shares her knowledge with others. Stephanie is kind, patient and supportive with all of the children, which I get to witness as a helper in the classroom. My son has really opened up and flourished in her classes this year, and I am so thankful. As an added bonus of being a helper, I have learned so much, as well.

Most importantly, Stephanie is an incredibly dedicated mother and wife and irreplaceable at home. Her two boys, Knightley and Kingston, who have both been on a long healing journey, rely 100% on their mom to homeschool them and care for them. Stephanie is constantly researching and learning new information to not only help the healing of her own children, but also any other families that she can support. Not having their mom home each and every day would be absolutely devastating to Knightley and Kingston's wellbeing.

I am confident that you, your Honor, will be able to see the peaceful, loving, intelligent and selfless individual that Stephanie is. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter from someone who can personally attest to Stephanie's integrity and strength of character.

Respectfully,

Alyssa M. Sweeney

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**Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
US District Court of the District of Columbia
333 Constitutional Avenue
Northwest Washington DC, 20001**

Dear Judge Bates,

I am writing this letter to speak about my relationship and experience with Stephanie Hazelton.

I would like you to know a little about myself first. I am a minister of the Gospel of Jesus the Christ, I am a wife of 36 years, I am a mother to a special needs son and a daughter who have received healing from Jesus. I am a mother-in-law and a grandmother. I stand on the Word of God and lend support for the people in this state and in this country, it is part of what my church does. My daughter and I are in ministry together with the support of our husbands.

Stephanie was and is a major supporter for Medical Freedom for not only us, but for all the children in this great state of New Jersey. Having many similarities in our lives with special needs children and loved ones, many in our state banded together to keep our religious freedom. I care for my 92-year-old mother in law around the clock, my grandson 2 days a week, my 35 year old disabled son, family and ministry. It is difficult (mostly impossible) for me to leave my house. Stephanie always made herself available to me through either social media, text, or phone. She has in every way been very helpful, kind, peaceful, hopeful, confident, energetic, and full of love and joy even though we were in a huge battle for our children. I would make remarks to my husband and others about her big heart and endurance. And in the entire time I have only known her to be a good citizen, somebody who loves her family, her children, God, our community, and our country. I consider her a great friend, I would trust her with my grandchildren, I would trust her with my parents, I would trust her with my life and I thought I would share my thoughts with you so that you would have a better idea of her as a human being.

Stephanie has been very truthful to me about the humiliation she feels and having pleaded guilty to a felony but more importantly she has thought a lot about what went wrong. I am not really in a position to discuss any elements of the accusations against her or the crime to which she pleaded guilty. I am certainly not as skillful as the lawyer or the government or as you to understand an appropriate sanction. I am only asking for mercy for my friend. Because I know her for doing great things for our community.

From my prospective as a woman of God and minister, Stephanie is a woman of faith, class, and peace! My family and I have never observed any violence, bad language, threats, or anything

unlawful from her, quite the opposite. I have witnessed specific instance where Stephanie took the high road in situations and has expressed outstanding moral character. She is well liked and respected by her peers and me. I can see no benefit to society or those affected by her crime, by incarcerating her. I have been so thankful to God for her. She has been a wonderful mom, advocate, and friend. And it is for that reason your honor, that I hope you will take these thoughts into consideration about her character, she is someone who cares about others even more than herself. If you can find it in your heart to be merciful to her at sentencing, I would be grateful. And that is what I wanted to share with the court today.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Blessings,

Carlene Frusteri

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25th December 2022

Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
US District Court of the District of Columbia
333 Constitutional Avenue
Northwest Washington DC, 20001

Dear Judge Bates,

Re: Character reference, Stephanie Hazelton

As an agricultural professional of 45 years' experience having worked as a business owner as well as a consultant to my local government, the Asian Development Bank, FAO of the United Nations and others, I am writing in support of Stephanie Hazelton.

I am writing this letter as a testament to the honourable, conscientious, and compassionate nature of Stephanie Hazelton, a person that assisted me in providing vitamins to vulnerable children in my country of Samoa to help with their health status in 2019.

She even went so far as to organize with a medical professional in the US who assisted with our efforts to help sick children and ensure they were getting adequate and critically required healthcare and the correct medications.

I was shocked to hear that she has somehow managed to get on the wrong side of the law. From my experience working with her I hope to appeal on her behalf that her actions are always in good and passionate intent to work for the greater good of the community.

Her willingness to help me with my efforts to help undernourished children in my home country for no financial gain, is a testament to her amazing and selfless character.

I hope that this letter of support will suffice to show her true good character and this testament will be considered. I can be contacted on my email address: edwintamasese@gmail.com or by phone: +685 7647732 to confirm my statements above,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edwin Suliveta Moe Tamasese", written in a cursive style.

Edwin Suliveta Moe Tamasese

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January 12, 2023

The Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
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Your Honor,

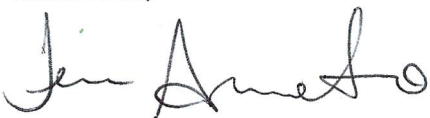
Stephanie Hazelton and I and our respective families have known each other for over 10 years. I offer this letter in full support of her and in hopes it can provide some insight into the wonderful person that she is.

There are so many qualities that describe Stephanie: trustworthy, caring, kind, dependable, positive attitude, compassionate, empathetic, and fun-loving. She is always willing to offer her help. Recently, my husband needed accommodations at his job that his company was refusing, and he would not be able continue working there otherwise. This was a very scary time for our family. Stephanie is very knowledgeable in this area, as she has helped so many special needs children with similar issues. She stepped in to help complete the required forms and worked to draft the necessary correspondence. With her help, my husband's accommodations were approved and he kept his job. Stephanie loves others well. We need more like her in this world.

Our respective children attend the same two home school co-ops at a church and a farm. Stephanie is very invested in not only her children's education but also in the education of all of the other children. Together with another mother, we have taught science, history, and chemistry. The children look up to Stephanie. They are middle schoolers and are often nervous, shy and hesitate to ask questions. With Stephanie, they respond to her and it promotes increased levels of learning. She also co teaches in all of her sons' other classes to make sure they get the most out of each class. Together we also have another cooperative on a farm with animals that we bring our children to every other Tuesday. Stephanie has volunteered to teach classes and lead field trips even though, with her son's needs, this can be challenging. Stephanie and her children are an invaluable part of our schools.

Stephanie has always put her family first, but she admittedly erred in exercising poor judgment on January 6th. She is remorseful for the pain that she has caused. Needless to say, this kind of incident will never happen again, but more importantly, I believe Stephanie is using this negative experience for the positive. She is redirecting her passion to even greater care for her family, an even larger role in our home school, and a continued positive presence in our community.

Thank You,



Jen Armento

The Honorable John D. Bates
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U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
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January 25, 2023

Dear Honorable Judge,

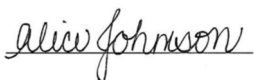
My name is Alice Johnson Christensen. I am a resident of New Jersey. I am a licensed Speech Language Pathologist in the state of New York and New Jersey. I have been employed for 31 years in New York City both in the public schools and the New York Department of Health, working with children with autism. In addition, I am also a homeschooling mother of five children. One child is a college graduate, two children are in college and two children are still being homeschooled. I have been married for 31 years.

I met Stephanie Hazelton at organized rallies at Trenton, NJ. Stephanie was very friendly, and we found out that we have some things in common. We are both homeschooling mothers. She has two sons with autism, and I work with children with autism. We both share similar views on medical freedom. I have attended six medical freedom rallies where Stephanie Hazelton volunteered her time. I attended the rallies from early morning until the rallies finished. I brought my children, and we all had a good time. Stephanie also volunteered at a prayer vigil at the Trenton Capitol Building. She asked if I knew of any clergy who would like to pray. I invited my pastor to attend. He read a few Bible verses and prayed over the group.

During the rallies, Stephanie was adamant that we should always remain peaceful and professional. Stephanie would kindly ask people to not hold up signs with any obscenities or anything considered rude. She asked people not to chant anything unkind. She asked that the American flag always be displayed in a respectful manner. Stephanie often thanked the police officers, military, and our elected officials. Sometimes I would see the NJPD officers chatting with her in what appeared to be a friendly exchange.

I was quite impressed that Stephanie was the person who made sure that all the trash was cleaned up from the Capitol property and we left the grounds in perfect condition. Stephanie handed out trash bags. She made sure all the signs were cleaned up, I stayed very late helping pile up the signs so they could be disposed of properly. Stephanie was always trying help people and asked others for assistance so that everyone got to their cars safely. I have never witnessed Stephanie being anything other than calm, caring and peaceful. I know that she will spend her life trying to redeem herself and not to be remembered for this one mistake but rather for all the good she has done, and the person she truly is.

Respectfully,



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February 6, 2023

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Sub: In Support of Stephanie Hazelton

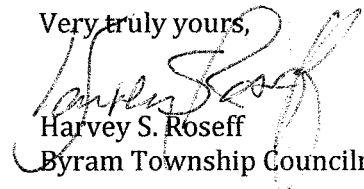
Dear Honorable Judge John D Bates,

I write this letter in support of returning Stephanie Hazelton to her community, children and loved ones as a whole person. Unfortunately she like many others became caught within the chaotic episodes of January 6, 2021. She experienced and learned a valuable lesson. She had attempted to do what she does well, assembled with the people but did not grasp what would result. And yes, this passionate woman with a good soul, who has now erred, still can again contribute mightily to society and should be allowed to do so in a most holistic way. Let's allow her to flower anew.

This decade, we have all been exposed to most tumultuous happenings. We have read about, watched TV, been live witness or a participant to an unbelievable variety of dystopian moments. During this time, you know Stephanie through 'Jan 6', but Stephanie, in New Jersey, has focused her efforts peacefully fighting for family, parental and children rights. New Jersey is a better place today because of what she contributed, influenced and accomplished with peaceful intentions, strong will and dedication. I have been personal witness to some of these moments.

At 'Jan 6', Stefanie did not listen to the better angels of her nature and may not have used well the judgment she typically displays. But 'Jan 6' was no ordinary happening and many were caught in the swirl of its wild experience shaped by strong forces that bypass an individual's grounding. Let's allow Stephanie to return to her community with as few encumbrances as possible to build a better future for all those around her. She was doing so before 'Jan 6' and should her reputation not be defined by this one event, I think there are many more contributions to society and family that Stephanie will make.

Very truly yours,



Harvey S. Roseff
Byram Township Councilman

The Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, Northwest
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Honorable Judge John D Bates,

My name is Victoria Hummel and I am a private home tutor for both of Stephanie's sons. I'm writing in regards to Mrs. Stephanie Hazelton. I have personally known Mrs. Hazelton for nearly two years. As a mother she is a very dedicated, caring, and loving woman who goes to the ends of the earth for her family. Nearly every single conversation I have had with her over the past two years has been regarding what is best for her family, as well as other families near and far. She has concern for others when it comes to what is the best in health, emotional wellbeing, and physical wellbeing. Mrs. Hazelton has been instrumental in assisting families and children in her community.

Stephanie will follow through and complete any task asked of her for the best of the community. When children could not cope well with restrictions at schools, she aided many parents in finding alternatives to help assist their children's education. She reached out to educators for these families, for the children, and that is how we met. Stephanie devoted her time to finding the perfect fit for not only her own children but for others in the same situation. Mrs. Stephanie Hazelton embodies various characteristics related to devotion, love, commitment, empathy, and determination. Over the past couple years, I have seen her devotion and determination for her children, and advocating for others when they cannot stand up for themselves. She always puts her personal needs last in the equation, putting everyone around her first. She is devoted and committed not just to her own children, but all children living in our world. I have also seen her empathy when comforting others and discussing difficult topics and situations in life.

Stephanie has explained her case and the role she played, and she knows that she made a mistake, and will have to deal with the consequences of her actions. I know the internal pain and agony that she feels and that she is terrified about how this will affect her children. I feel she is prepared to pay whatever penalty she must and understands that she is to blame if the penalty for her mistakes ends up having harsh consequences for her children. It would be detrimental to her young boys not to have their mother even for a day. They are on the spectrum and need consistency and familiarity, and routine. This involves their mother providing these things for them daily. I have watched her sons flourish with the time and attention she gives them. I have seen

her pay a high emotional price; as it has been a constant concern, but never once has she let that affect her children or her attitude. And although I know that she is emotionally overwhelmed, I have never seen Stephanie feel sorry for herself or play the victim. Stephanie and her husband are ethical, moral, and caring parents and good citizens. She and her family deserve to be able to build back their lives together. Stephanie, I believe, is a person of high integrity and deeply regrets her actions. The type of person that she is, could greatly contribute to society through community service. There would be no better person to contribute to society with good works than Stephanie Hazelton.

As a woman and a mother, Mrs. Stephanie Hazelton truly is a remarkable woman who will do anything and everything to give her family and others the best life there is to live. It is always difficult to put into words a person's character, and I do hope that I gave Mrs. Stephanie Hazelton some justice in how I have described the woman that I have known these past two years. If there are further questions you would like me to answer regarding Mrs. Hazelton, please feel free to contact me at pansacademy20@gmail.com.

Respectively,

Victoria A Hummel



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January 11, 2023

The Honorable John D. Bates
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Dear Judge Bates,

I first met Stephanie Hazelton in 1985. The purpose of this letter is to offer my support for Stephanie and share my experience with her amazing character and her values.

Stephanie is, and always has been, the sweetest and most caring person I have ever known. She truly surpasses the definition of good-hearted as I see how she has interacted with her acquaintances and myself throughout her lifetime. She always seems to find the positive in a person and tries to be friendly with everyone. On countless occasions over the years, she has paused whatever she is doing to help someone or something in need. She lives in a wooded area and on a few occasions has stopped her car and picked up a turtle she saw on the side of the road to get it out of danger. She cares for them sometimes for several days until she can release them to a safer place. Stephanie once pulled over for a doe that had been hit, dragged it to the side of the road and cradled it, calling wildlife rehabs to no avail, until she had to finally call police. And yet again she helped a buck who needed time to get up and run off from a hit, putting herself in harm's way to hold off traffic for him since he was also in the middle of the road. These were animals she had not hit herself, but she couldn't pass by and not do something to comfort them or help, we call her the animal whisperer.

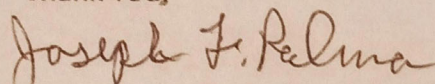
Stephanie is a dedicated, unselfish, and loving mother who always puts her children first. Many times, when Stephanie experienced financial hardships, she would personally go without, so that her children would have what they needed. Stephanie has experienced many tough times and I remember when she was a single mother going without meals so that her daughter could attend private school. Stephanie wanted to give her daughter everything that she had missed as a child. Stephanie's daughter's father didn't pay any child support her entire childhood, and Stephanie was living in my home for a while. Stephanie decided that she would never say a bad word about her daughter's father to their child. He was allowed visitation any time he wanted, because he was a loving Dad and Stephanie allowed her daughter to love her father even though he never contributed anything financially and Stephanie had suffered from his mistreatment when they were together. She continued a friendship with him where she was the one sending him money or advice, always hoping that his life would take a turn for the better. Even when people have treated her poorly an unfairly, she seems to push through, pick herself up, and respond positively. She extends grace to others regularly.

Over the course of our long friendship, I have found her to be the one person I can count on to lend an ear or a helping hand during difficult times. When my brother passed away at a very young age, even though Stephanie was going through her own challenges at that time, she still made it a point to be there for me when I needed someone to talk to. For that, I will forever be grateful.

Stephanie is saddened that her poor choices have negatively impacted her family, friends, and others. Stephanie has overcome so much during her very difficult life, so I am confident she has the strength to get through this incident. She is focused on her family and making amends as best she can.

I appreciate your taking the time to read this letter and taking it into consideration in your review of Stephanie's case.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph F. Palma".

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Date: 12/24/22

**Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
US District Court of the District of Columbia
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Dear Judge Bates:

I have known Stephanie since high school, so that would be about 35 years. She has always been my best friend because of her big heart, honesty, loyalty, and willingness to always help everyone. In high school she would always make friends with the kids who were picked on, the ones no one sat with at lunch. Often, freshman year Stephanie didn't have lunch money or even a packed lunch but if I shared a bag of chips with her, she was the first to then go share that with others. And that's just who she was even then.

Stephanie looked like a cheerleader, but she was far from that and often was misjudged by the way she looked. She didn't have parents and lived in a poverty-stricken area of Trenton, New Jersey with her great grandmother whom she took exceptional care of. Stephanie was very attentive in school to spite having many jobs after school, on the weekends and all summer instead of participating in fun school activities because of her financial situation. Senior year at lunch time, Stephanie would leave school, mid-day to make sure her great grandmother was fed and taken care of and then come back to class. I was always so proud of her and how she survived. We went to a private catholic high school together, but her grandmother had no financial resources, so Stephanie worked after school cleaning the floors and, in the cafeteria, so she could stay in school all four years. Stephanie was always polite and respectful while doing her duty.

Stephanie was there for me night and day when I had a very volatile break up with my partner of 10 years. Because of her children she had to request that her husband to take off work so that she could come be by my side. I will never forget her dedication to me. I couldn't often spend the time with her that I wanted, because of her dedication to her children, but when the chips were down, she found a way to be a shoulder to cry on for months. Stephanie

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would pick up all my phone calls day or night, although she had to get up with her boys the next morning.

Stephanie and I both have a love of dogs. Stephanie and her husband fostered over 50 dogs, as she volunteered for two dog rescues. When my adopted rescue dachshund needed an emergency surgery that I just didn't have the immediate funds for, I was devastated. Stephanie without a word sent me the money because she loved me. This surgery saved my precious little fur baby's life. She refused to ever let me pay her back even though I knew she could use the money back. Stephanie said that it was a love gift and that she was blessed to be able help me.

Stephanie has said that she deeply regretted being part of something that affected the whole world, and she shared her grief about the division and the devastation that was caused to the country because of these actions. I think Stephanie is an exceptionally good person, that was caught up in a very bad situation. I do know that she has paid quite a price and has learned from what she did. She went through a huge depression and for about a year threw herself into helping others as a way for her to cope. She has helped with hundreds of families that needed special accommodations for their school or work. I also know that she has lost important people in her life because her actions even though she has expressed this remorse for what she did. I think she has grown from this and now I see that her only focus is on her children, her family, and her close friends. I write this so that Your Honor can have a view of my friends true character, composed of loyalty, generosity and compassion.

Yours Truly,



Ellen Keiffer

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January 10, 2023

The Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, Northwest
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Your Honor,

We first met Stephanie Hazelton in 2020. Our children attend the same co-op home school. Although we have only known each other for a few years, our families have shared summer vacations, weekend trips, and much more. We consider Stephanie, Jeff, and their children among our closest friends. We love Stephanie and her family very much and pray that this letter of support can help her.

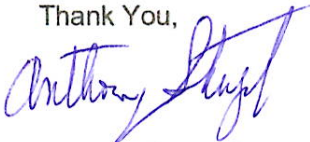
Stephanie is unlike any friend I (Lindsay) have ever had. She is unbelievably thoughtful and kind to everyone she meets. She has maintained an amazing attitude and persevered through this difficult episode over the past 2 years. She is very charismatic, with a refreshing honesty and transparency that most people don't have. She is a devoted wife and mother. The three qualities we love and admire most about Stephanie are her selflessness, her love for others, and her generosity.

I (Anthony) am most appreciative of the care Stephanie has shown to my wife during some very difficult family issues. Lindsay has turned to Stephanie for emotional support, and they talk almost every day. Stephanie is an empathetic listener and has a counselor's heart. We will forever be grateful for her thoughtfulness despite the fact she was facing her own challenging issues.

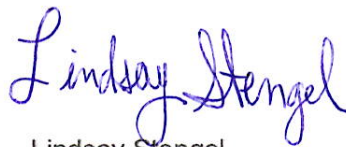
Something that has struck us both is how well adjusted her children are to spite their challenges and we enjoy them and love them dearly. We can only attribute how well they are doing in life to Stephanie and Jeff's dedication and parentage.

Stephanie has shared with us her sadness and remorse for the poor decisions she made on January 6th. If she had to do it *all over again*, she would have made better choices. She is intelligent and will learn from this experience. She has joined us at church and is embracing a stronger faith. In our children's co-op, she volunteers to teach class on history and civic responsibility. It has been inspiring to us to watch her character during this ordeal. We pray that she be treated fairly and move past this very quickly.

Thank You,



Anthony Stengel



Lindsay Stengel

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January 12, 2023
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Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor,

When I met my wife, I was completely enamored by her beauty. Once I got to know her, I was equally attracted to her heart. She is the most beautiful person on the inside I have ever met.

While getting to know her she was a single mother working long hours to support her daughter. When I saw how hard she worked, I did not think anyone could handle such a demanding job while raising a daughter alone. We worked for the same company, Sears Home Improvements and she like I was working fifteen to eighteen hours a day and driving approximately one thousand miles per week. Stephanie did not permit these long hours and demanding schedule to take away from her quality time with her daughter. She always found time to pick her up from school, take her to swim meets, help her with her schoolwork, and even take her to social gathering and showered her with love. I do not think anyone else would be able to do what she did, but her daughter was her priority. As we continued our courtship, I knew that this is the woman I would like to be the mother of my children. Her level of love and commitment was something I had never encountered and exceeded the dreams I had for my own family.

As expected, Stephanie has been an exceptional mother to our two boys. Her life is dedicated to them. When they were diagnosed on the autism spectrum, she spent countless hours researching resources for them. Her tireless efforts in placing them in special therapies, improving their nutrition, finding the right doctors and other treatments have improved their condition dramatically and have us optimistic for their long-term future. She has them in countless activities and provides them with educational opportunities daily. Her devotion to them is unending.

The same love Stephanie has for our family, she extends to friends and strangers alike. Recently, Stephanie learned that an acquaintance who was in an abusive relationship was abandoned by her husband. Penniless and alone with her child being severely autistic, Stephanie stepped in to provide her with food and clothing and helped her find a place to stay gave financial assistance from our grocery money. She even identified an attorney to help the woman protect her rights. She has done similar things for other mothers, even as far as helping provide Christmas presents for another abused single mother's five children and has been involved in clothing and food drives in Newark and shoe drives for children. Stephanie is always

concerned with helping anyone she can. It is not just our family; she tries to make her mark in this world by helping as many people as she can.

I can tell you that my wife would not hurt a fly and this is literal statement. When we had mice, she bought every live catch trap she could find, and we caught over 30 mice painstakingly as she wanted to keep the families together before release. It was an impossible project with a fish tank but she accomplished it and managed not kill one mouse. She loves animals so much that we fostered many dozens of dogs and found them loving homes. If there is an animal or person to save, she will save them. She has always been my hero in so many ways.

At one time Stephanie's daughter was an adult in college, and her daughter's father Chris, needed money for an interview suit, and his resume constructed. He was hoping to get a better job and Stephanie didn't hesitate to lend him money for his suit and asked me to write his resume for him. I also didn't hesitate to assist Chris led by my wife's unending ability to show generosity to those who may have never reciprocate it. We even invited him for Christmas and he spent the holidays with us when their daughter came home from college at my wife's urging because family is important to her.

When Stephanie came back from Washington one of the first things, she shared with me was that she was sorry she went and so very sorry that she put our family in jeopardy. She was so tearful about how horrible the day had been for everyone involved and the entire country. She was distraught that anyone had been injured or lost their lives and knew that the day would continue to hurt us all. She wishes she had not gone and participated in any of it. She is accepting responsibility and she will spend the rest of her life using this experience to educate and help others properly understand their civic responsibilities.

Together as a family we constructed a model of the Capital, Supreme Court and White House for the boy's history project. Although, we almost skipped the project because of the solemn memories of that day, we decided to honor these buildings by giving them the reference that they deserved, and it was a healing project for us all.

My job for the last 10 years, as a sales manager, has had me on the road most weeks and I am often only able to be home on weekends. The bulk of the responsibility for our boys has always fallen on my wife's shoulders. I work long hours and travel so Stephanie holds the family together when I am not physically able to be there. Stephanie is really the sole caretaker of our children and our animals. She provides for our two boys' care, schooling, activities, supplements, education, and stability so that I can work to support us. Our family would suffer significantly without her. We pray for your mercy and the opportunity to move forward as a family.

Respectfully,

JEFF HAZELTON

Jeff Hazelton

January 12, 2023

The Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, Northwest
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Judge Bates,

I am submitting this letter in support of my friend, Stephanie Hazelton.

I first met Stephanie 3 years ago we were supporting legislation being introduced in New Jersey about religious and medical exemptions for our children in school. Stephanie is passionate about serving our community. She and I have volunteered together at homeless shelters in Newark, and she has also helped with charity drives in our local area. She volunteers significant personal time helping parents of special needs children who have had challenges understand their rights. She has helped them apply for exemptions and otherwise offered them an empathetic ear. These people are often confused and deflated, and Stephanie helps them considerably.

Stephanie is “pro” law and order and is a huge supporter of law enforcement. She has always been a rule follower and we were involved in many peacefully Medical Freedom rallies together for our children with the blessings of law enforcement and permits. Many rallies were at our state Capital on the steps, we also gathered inside the halls and committee meetings also. These were in conjunction with Medical Freedom bills for our children and supported by our legislators from both sides of the isle who spoke at our rallies. One such rally in January 2020 at our State Capital was what was coined by the medical freedom mothers, as “The Battle of Trenton”. The state police worked with us to secure our safety and some of us were comfortable quiet inside the Senate chambers and others congregated on the grounds. Estimates of up to ten thousand other moms, dads and family members, all with our children chanting, shouting, banging drums, stomping, dancing, blowing horns and singing for up to 12 hours in the cold rain on the steps and under the windows. This was the culmination of many other rallies at the same location in opposition for a bill that would remove our Children’s Religious Exemptions for schooling in NJ and thus remove all our children from public education. With the moms taking on the rolls of cheerleaders throughout the night, peacefully, we used protest language like ‘battle’ but it was all hyperbole of course because no one was ever charged with being disorderly. Many legislators from both parties came out to graciously thank us for standing for our children at the end of the night. Stephanie for one was a proponent of peaceful assembly always. As she was a follower of Martine Luther King Jr and espoused that the way to change was only through peaceful exercise of the right to gather. And while our medical freedom protests may have been large and lively, they were lawful. This unique experience may have clouded her judgement on Jan 6th.

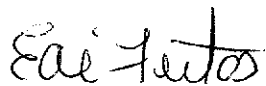
Stephanie showed love to those would do violence against her. Stephanie and my other best friend were sightseeing as a large group surrounded and attacked them, they were alone and defenseless and had turned down the wrong street while sightseeing. Luckily police interceded on their part but as the

two women were safely escorted away, one young woman ran after them, saying awful things to Stephanie. Stephanie's quiet response to this young woman was that she had only love in her heart for her and that only love can drive out hate. This young woman was subsequently charged with battery of two other defenseless people that day including a man that was unconscious on the ground. There was also an incidence where a bicycle was surrounded by a crowd. Stephanie chastised the crowd for even making him feel uncomfortable. She proceeded to talk to him and tell him about her own attack and assured him that he would be safe and spoke with him at length trying to comfort him.

Stephanie is a special person who will help anybody at any time – no questions asked. She is so invested in the welfare of others; I have often cautioned her that she needs to concentrate more on taking care of herself. She is very generous especially with her time and is an outstanding mother. I honestly do not know how her two children would manage without the exceptional care she provides them. She is the epitome of a "Super Mom."

I am saddened for Stephanie and her family about this whole incident. Stephanie is so remorseful for her poor judgment, and I know she will forever be more cautious in the way she advocates for the causes she supports. Her family, especially, her two children, need her so much. She is more concerned about them through this whole matter than anything else. Thank you in advance for your attention to this letter and any leniency you can extend to Stephanie and her family.

Sincerely,



Edie Freitas
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Highlands, NJ 07732

Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court Judge
US District Court of the District of Columbia
333 Constitutional Avenue
Northwest Washington DC, 20001

December 27, 2022

Dear Honorable Judge John D. Bates,

My name is Jennele Moschella, and I am writing to you on behalf of Stephanie Hazelton. Allow me to briefly introduce myself; I am 37 years old, a mother of two young boys, hold a Master's degree in Education and am a Certified School Counselor in 2 states. I have worked for Catholic Charities, licensing foster homes and therapeutic foster homes for children following the State standards of Chapters 122 and 128. I have also worked in different school districts as the Professional School Counselor on both ends of the socioeconomic spectrum. I have been married for 11 years and a resident of the great state of New Jersey for the past 35 years. I am devoted to protecting and serving children and animals, and I pride myself on keeping the company of those who have similar morals and passion in their souls.

I am not deeply familiar with the situation under which Stephanie finds herself at your mercy, but I am deeply familiar with the heart and morals that drive her.

Over the past several years, Stephanie and I have gone from acquaintances to friends. I call her a friend, proudly, as I know the type of mother she is and her love for children. She dedicates herself to her family, making sure her children have a proper education, not just by the books but also as well rounded and kind human beings. She teaches them how to produce, cook, farm, plant, and sow. She teaches them about animals, agriculture, and does not shelter them from hard work or responsibility. Her children receive organic nutrients; she provides them health at an optimal level while doing her absolute best to keep them chemically free. Reading, writing, math, science, history, all the topics covered by school and then so much more. She is hands on, present and active in their lives. She is an absolutely wonderful mother and her value to her family is immeasurable.

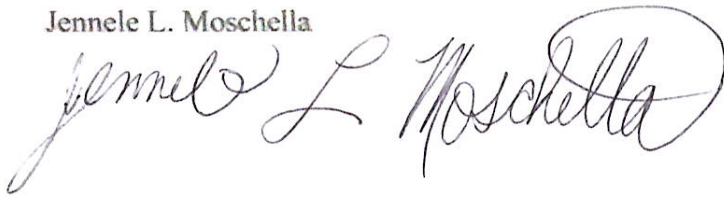
Stephanie does not stop at caring for her own children, however. I have watched as she rallied behind families where parents have lost their jobs and made sure their children had what they needed. Her goal not just to support a friend, but to let the parents handle to adult issues while the children were able to be children and not feel the strain. Whether she gave from her own home and pocket or helped rally together anyone she could to help donate to the cause, Stephanie was there. She counseled myself and other friends of ours as many of us had some of our darkest hours during Covid. Her support and kindness a light to help us through. She did this all while she faced challenges of her own.

Like all of us, Stephanie is human. Like all of us, she is not perfect nor without flaw. Regardless, it would be a great disservice and monumental injustice for her to be separated from her children. As someone who dedicated their life to serving children professionally and seeing what happens to families when they are torn apart, I feel heavily obligated to weigh in. Stephanie can serve society best by using her great attributes and natural drive towards community and service. Any punishment, sentence, or penance that would have her separated from her children would be fruitless and unnecessary. At times like these, while the world is in so much turmoil, I beg on her behalf for leniency that will ultimately be for the betterment of her children. Instead of removing their mother from their life and having innocent children pay a price they cannot even fathom exists, I beg of you to service justice creatively and use Stephanie's strong skillset towards her redemption.

Thank you for your time and consideration. May God bless you and guide you.

Sincerely,

Jennele L. Moschella

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennele L. Moschella". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end of the name.