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The Honorable Judge Richard J. Leon
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia

Dear Honorable Judge Leon:

It is hard to put into words how much Klete means to me and my family. Although I am Klete's boss, I am writing this letter in support of a dear friend who I trust and admire.

I am the owner/managing broker of our firm, which means I am Klete's direct boss. I have had the pleasure of working with Klete since October 2020. I work with Klete on a daily basis, and our family spends time with him almost every weekend. My children have become very fond of him, calling him "Uncle Klete" and view him as a valued family member.

My husband and I understand the gravity of the crime Klete committed, and we do not support his actions on January 6th. After witnessing Klete's sincere regret for those actions and learning that he was not violent or destructive we decided to continue our personal and professional relationship with him. Recently, a client of our company asked Klete, "If you could go back in time, would you have gone to the capital?" He emphatically responded, "No way. I wish I could take it all back and I am extremely sorry for and embarrassed by what I did." He has always sincerely expressed remorse whenever the topic of January 6th has come up.

In a professional setting, Klete is extremely important to our business. Since Klete pleaded guilty, he has stepped up his professional career 10X, determined to be a productive member of our company. In 2022, I promoted Klete to the lead broker in our industrial sector. Without Klete's presence, it will create an unmanageable workload for our team, and hurt many of his clients who rely heavily on his services.

Klete is also highly involved in our company's commitment to "give-back." Klete helps organize and participates in our quarterly community service events which help local non-profits. He also donates time to a local swim foundation that provides free swim lessons to under privileged children.

I have learned a lot about Klete over the last 3 years. He has shared many stories with me in confidence including abuse he suffered as a child. He could easily blame his parents for some of the challenges he has faced as an adult; however, he never blames anyone. Klete always takes responsibility, which is a very rare trait in today's world.

I pray you have mercy on Klete and his sentence. If given the chance to serve his sentence outside prison walls, I know without a doubt, he will use the sentence to not only better himself, but his community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Friend/ Owner & Managing Broker of Hoff & Leigh Commercial Real Estate

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February 23, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States District Court
District of Columbia
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor,

My wife and I own a multi-state Commercial Real Estate firm, and I also actively serve on several local non-profit boards, such as the Boys and Girls Club. Klete Keller is genuinely one of the kindest men I have ever met. He has made a tremendous impact, not only our business, but on my family and our community. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support for Klete.

Immediately following the January 6th incident, we met with Klete and asked him to tender his resignation from our company. Our company has offices throughout Colorado and in other states as well, and we were inundated with all kinds of threats against the business and even our employees. While we believed in Klete as a person, after careful consideration, we decided on a separation. Klete's response was profound. If I had sensed an attitude that he was bitter, it was not his fault, or he was being treated unfairly, it would have been difficult to bring him back. Instead, it was just the opposite. Klete was remorseful for any harm he had caused the company. He took full responsibility for his poor decisions that put himself, his family, and our company at risk. He professionally transitioned client files and projects he was working on to others in the firm. I cannot stress how much I respect Klete for how he handled everything during one of the darkest times of his life.

After things had settled down, it was an easy decision to invite Klete to return to our company. Since his return, he has brought a renewed energy to an already strong work ethic. Klete represents our clients well and they all give him great reviews. Klete is unique in that he maintains a carefree attitude, and most would never know the current challenges he is facing or some of the bigger challenges he has overcome throughout his life. He personifies humility.

Over the years, I have developed a close friendship with Klete. My sister operates a club swim team in Colorado Springs. Without anyone asking, Klete regularly volunteers his time to children in the program. Klete also extends his generosity to my daughters, by giving them private swim lessons at no cost. He has had a telling impact on them to the point that they call him "Uncle Klete."

I have seen a profound change in Klete over the past two years since the time of the Capitol incident. Klete was a solid guy before January 6th, but now he is even more invested in his family, friends, and community. He often tells me of his new understanding that the substance of life is about his relationships, and he wants to treat everyone with kindness and respect. With his positive attitude and humility, Klete will grow from this experience and use his gifts to have an even greater impact on his family, friends, and our community.

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We hope and pray that Klete will not be separated from us for very long. He knows how much we love, admire, and respect him and that when he returns, he has a secure spot in our company and our family's lives.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2023

Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States Senior Judge
District of Columbia
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse
333 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor,

I am a former employee with the USA Swimming National Team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. I have known Klete Keller for over 15 years and proudly write this letter of support for him.

During his swimming career, Klete was known as one of the hardest workers and a reliable and trustworthy teammate. He has a great sense of humor and is enjoyable to be around, which are highly coveted traits in the intense-pressure environment of elite-level athletics. Those qualities served him well when he moved to Colorado Springs and began working in commercial real estate for Hoff & Leigh which is coincidentally owned by my in-laws. He is a valued member of that organization.

My wife and I now own and operate an athletic training center that specializes in swimming. Without me ever asking him, Klete has volunteered for our fundraisers, including offering to take groups of young swimmers out for lunch, giving them an opportunity of a lifetime via "lunch with an Olympian". He is unbelievable with the kids. He not only shares stories of his experiences at the international level of sport, but also life lessons that have shaped him as a person. He is humble, compassionate, and engaging. He makes a huge impact on them. Klete has extended similar generosity to others in our community with free swim lessons and even just randomly shows up at swim meets or other events offering; he is interested in the community.

Klete is one of the kindest, most gentle, and most selfless people I have ever met. He loves this country. I understand that he regrets his participation in the January 6th protest and is remorseful for the pain it has caused his family and our community. However, with the same determination and hard work that made him a world-class athlete, Klete will learn from this experience and build a new legacy. I am thankful to have him as a friend and he will continue to have our full support.

Sincerely,

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October 20, 2023

Dear The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia,

Reference: United States of America v. Klete Derik Keller,
Criminal No. (1:21-cr-00104-RJL)

Your Honor,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a Colorado Springs native and work at Hoff & Leigh. I have been with Hoff and Leigh since 2017. I was hired on directly after graduating from the University of Northern Colorado with a bachelor's degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations and advertising. I started in the marketing department for the company and have since switched over to becoming a broker with the firm working side by side with Klete Keller.

Over the years I've had a good chance to get to know Klete. Throughout my life I have had the opportunity to make many friends and build connections with a lot of people thus far. When I first met Klete it felt like I already had that friendship or connection that usually takes time to organically grow. But not with Klete, our friendship came naturally. We both started brokering around the same time which elevated us into an environment of learning together and leaning on each other for accountability or just trying to figure something out professionally. Now we had other people with more experience to lean on too but ultimately, it was nice to have someone else just starting to go to because we both understood the struggles of just starting in Commercial Real Estate.

As time progressed, I got to know Klete more and more. The one thing I can say is for being an Olympic caballer athlete he is by far the humblest person I know. He projects generosity, humor, pure fun, and praise to not only me but everyone in the office. There would be a big void in the work environment without our gentle giant. Especially when it comes to the comradery on the ping pong table because at Hoff & Leigh, we work hard but are not afraid to let our hair down and have a little fun. Klete has a true student of the game mindset and is always willing to learn and grow, he isn't afraid to ground himself and ask for help when something is new or unknown. I think this quality really makes him a respectful person to others and helps elevate him in his career.

I have never questioned Klete's character throughout our time as friends. I can only recall times he has been authentically himself, cracking jokes, wanting/pushing others to succeed and most importantly always willing to help. To my knowledge there hasn't been a time Klete did not volunteer for one of our stewardship events at Hoff & Leigh. He is always willing to dive headfirst into these opportunities and give back to the community. I think that really goes to show what kind of person Klete truly is.

I remember a time my motorcycle broke down and Klete came to my aid. He ended up towing my bike with his bike all the way back to my house (luckily it was back roads). Now it was a little rough because I had to ride so close to him and really be alert because if he hit the brakes, I had to hit the brakes straightaway or else we would wreck into each other. Needless to say, I was scared, but we had to do what we had to do without a truck. When I reflect on this time, it really showed that Klete was there for me. It was a true bonding moment for us, and I gained a lot of respect/trust for the guy for helping me in that pinch. There have been many instances like this where Klete has not only been there for me but others too. I am honored to have someone like Klete in my life. I know I can call on him at any time and he will be there without a doubt.

Overall, his demeanor is second to none. You don't meet to many people like Klete in a lifetime. I, [REDACTED], will always vouge for Klete and be there for him because that's how big of an impact he has had in my life. I am grateful for our friendship; it would be a big blow to not have Klete around. Klete is a special human being and I wish the world could get to know him like I do because I am positive, they would take the same stance as me.

Sincerely,

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March 6, 2023

Re: Klete Keller

To Whom It May Concern:

I am [REDACTED] to Klete Keller for the past 6 years.

Klete is always a pleasure to speak with across our common fence. When Klete is not outside, his chickens run free across his large yard and his dog "Jimbo" lays with my dogs with only the chain link fence separating them.

I've enjoyed watching Klete and Lindsey meet, grow a relationship, and marry. They are a great couple, supportive and encouraging to one another. They will make great parents when that day arrives.

Whenever Klete sees me outside he never hesitates to walk over and ask me how I'm doing and share his insights on commercial real estate (I'm a residential Realtor) or mention a recent ride or hike he and Lindsey did. When it snows, I'm never surprised to see that Klete extended his snow shoveling to include the sidewalk in front of my house.

As an Olympian, and a medal winner at that, Klete carries tremendous humility. He never brags or boasts about that incredible chapter in his life.

When it comes to the January 6 incident, he shakes his head and says, "I never should have been there." Of course, with the charges pending he can't tell me much about that day other than expressing regret for a very poor judgement call. I know if he could have another go at it, he would choose to never be in D.C. for that rally and events resulting from it. Since his arrest he has tried to make the most of each day and has maintained a positive attitude and work ethic. He is a contributing member to our neighborhood and city.

I feel deeply that Klete is not a candidate for prison. Incarceration is to rehabilitate a criminal. Klete is far from a "criminal" and "rehabilitation" has already occurred with his journey through the criminal justice system. His humility, regret and remorse are apparent to anyone that speaks with him, and incarceration would only tear apart a life that has already presented Klete with challenges that most of us could never withstand or survive as he has. Klete is always positive, never feeling sorry for himself, selflessly helping others, and wanting only to build a family and career.

I'm certain that all of us in the neighborhood that know Klete feel the same as I do. Please allow him to remain at home, nurture his relationship with his new wife, start a family and pursue a career.

Sincerely,

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February 25, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States District Court
District of Columbia
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor,

I am proud to write this letter of support for Klete Keller. Klete's father and I are first cousins and when Klete moved to Colorado Springs six years ago, we developed an even closer relationship.

Klete is one of the most easy-going people I know. He rolls with life always maintaining a positive attitude. We had a dinner party recently and a friend of mine spent some time talking with Klete. He afterward shared how much he enjoyed their conversation. Klete is engaging, he relates well with people. However, he is very humble. Although he is a three-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer, he almost gets embarrassed if people ask him about his athletic experience. He downplays his swimming career and he certainly does not think he is better than others because of his athletic accomplishments. Klete brings this humility into his service and care for others.

Klete is quietly generous. He likes to help people, but never draws attention to himself. When his sister had her first child, her husband was not involved. The baby was born two months premature and required extra care. Klete stepped into the father role starting in the delivery room and thereafter with 24/7 help through the critical first few months. Klete has done similar acts of kindness on numerous occasions for friends and members of our community.

Klete is saddened by the disrepute he has brought on himself and our family through his actions on January 6th. I can't tell you the number of times he has said to me that he is sorry. He is so very remorseful. He has paid a steep price for his poor decisions that day. He is quiet and accepting of whatever additional punishment will come. Our family respectfully asks for mercy for Klete as you evaluate his case.

Sincerely,

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28 February, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States District Court
District of Columbia
Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor,

I first met Klete Keller in the fall of 2019. I owned a commercial property in the retail district of Colorado Springs, and after Klete made a "cold call" approach I engaged him as the selling broker. I admire and respect Klete for the way he handled himself throughout the transaction---despite the vitriolic local criticism he faced following the January 6th event at the Capitol, and the unprecedented life disruptions occasioned by the COVID pandemic.

From the time of our initial meeting, Klete impressed me with this persistence. That same tenaciousness made him a 5-time Olympic medalist. As he worked through my transaction with potential buyers, he exhibited great attention to detail. He provided me honest feedback and regular updates and was always forthright. COVID caused one potential deal to fall through; then Klete's life forever changed on January 6, 2021. Klete faced strong opposition from many in the Colorado business community. He could have easily crawled into a hole. However, he asked me for an opportunity to follow through on his commitment to marketing my property and I fully supported him. Despite these headwinds, Klete successfully closed the transaction in late 2021. It was confirmation of his character, work ethic and resilience. Since then, we have talked or met monthly to discuss other business opportunities, life events, and future life challenges.

During the first 2 years we worked together, Klete would often visit the property which included my used bookshop. My wife had dementia and was always with me. Most people avoided Janet, reacting like she had the plague or was not to be "disturbed." Klete was different. With utmost gentleness, he would try to engage with Janet and although she did not understand him, he would bring a smile to her face. I will Never Forget the care, empathy, and respect that he showed.

I did not ask Klete about January 6th but when he came to me to discuss my sale, he was very remorseful. He regrets participating and wishes he could "do that day over." We ALL have had days in our life we wish we could do-over. His poor decisions on one day should not define, or restrict, his future life. He is a good man who brought great honor to America by his Olympic achievements which required years of sustained hard work. I pray you can extend him grace and mercy.

Very Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

February 24, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States Senior Judge
District of Columbia
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse
333 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor,

I am filled with emotion as I write this letter about the man whom I love more than anyone in this world. Thank you for allowing me to share with you about my husband.

From the time I met Klete, he has exposed me to a different way of life in the most beautiful way. When I first moved to Colorado, Klete introduced me to all kinds of high-altitude outdoor activities. One weekend we decided to do a mountain-biking trip with friends on the Monarch Crest Trail. This was a new trail to us, but it was a surprise to learn this trail was for advanced riders. Being a world-class athlete, Klete could have easily cruised down the mountain, but instead, he stayed by my side and coached me through the challenges this mountain presented. It took us the entire day to get down but looking back it was a real testament to Klete, who showed me so much patience, guidance, encouragement, humor, and grace to help me get down. I think about that day when tough times present themselves because no matter how rocky the road gets, I know with Klete by my side we can do anything.

One of the silver linings through the past two years has been that a lot of old friends have reentered Klete's life. This past December, Klete reunited with a childhood friend he had not seen in over 20 years which was good for both their souls. He learned this friend was going through a tough time and Klete has since stepped up to lift him up in any way possible (weekly phone calls, offering advice, setting up visits, encouragement, etc.). Klete knows the road his friend is going down and is helping him get back on track to a better path. Klete is open to sharing the pain of his own experience and the lessons that he is learning to help others overcome their own challenges.



This storm has been a major development phase for Klete. He could have easily gone down the destructive path and turned his back on the world but has chosen to rise to the occasion every day, through every obstacle this season of life has thrown at him. I am forever grateful to be on this journey with him and thank God every day for the blessings He graciously provides us.

Klete is an exceptional father to his three children. When he is with them, his heart of gold shines bright. The custody battle he endured which culminated in October 2020 is something no father should have to go through and what I believe placed him in a compromised mental state from which he made his poor decisions on January 6th. The week of the custody hearing was one of the hardest times with Klete as we watched his kids essentially being stolen from him over lies fabricated by his ex-wife and validated by the family court system. Klete ended up with limited visitation of just one weekend a month, two weeks in the summers and phone call restrictions (calls limited to Sundays only). This calculates to only ten months of physical time with them until they turn 18.

This ruling caused an eruption of anger, sadness, and pain within Klete. He had spent years fighting in the system for more precious time with his kids whom he treasures only to be beaten down and told he would be limited in his role as their father. It was excruciating. This led him down a path of negative emotions following the family court hearing. It was a temporary bout of anger founded in his love for his kids, not disrespect for the rule of law, that led to Klete's poor decisions on January 6th. I share this with you not as an excuse, but as an explanation from a wife's perspective as someone who is walking through this storm with him.

Klete has great remorse for his actions that day and is continually working to make amends. Klete is a good man with a good heart who has made mistakes but takes ownership of his mistakes. Klete is always coming from a place of love. We have grown so much from this experience; it has made us both better. We desperately want to move forward, start our own family, and see what amazing things God has planned for our lives. I ask for your mercy as you consider a sentence for Klete.

Thank You



October 18, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia

Reference: United States of America v. Klete Derik Keller,
Criminal No. (1:21-cr-00104-RJL

My name is [REDACTED]. I founded a commercial real estate company (Hoff & Leigh) in 1987 and since, I have served my community as an elected official and member of our billion dollar Public Utility Company.

Over the years, because of my role in our community, I have had the pleasure of interviewing and interacting with hundreds of young men. Klete Keller is one of those truly outstanding young men whose character has been miscast because of a single decision to participate in what he was led to believe, was a planned peaceful rally.

Now, in the aftermath of the J6 situation, I have seen a remorseful Klete Keller who wishes he had not made the trip to Washington and who earnestly prays for the court's forgiveness so he can continue his family responsibilities while pursuing his real estate career.

Spending a few moments with Klete will allow you to learn that he is a gentle man who cares a great deal about others around him and if his sentence involves time away from his family, they will suffer mightily because he is the primary source of the family income.

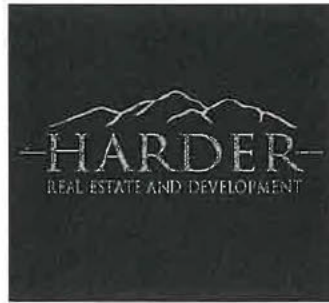
Your Honor, because Klete's appearance at the J6 debacle was never intended to more than an innocent's participation in a peaceful event, It is my sincere hope and prayer that you will be merciful and convey the lightest possible sentence in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 28, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States District Court
District of Columbia
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor,

I met Klete Keller 6 years ago through a mutual friend shortly after he moved to Colorado Springs. Klete is a very good man and I hope this letter helps you in your evaluation of him. I am a local real estate developer.

Klete expressed his interest in the real estate business, so I sponsored his education to get his real estate license. Throughout that process, Klete showed a strong commitment to learning the business and was open to feedback. He later joined our company.

Klete is honest, hardworking, and diligent. He is very goal-oriented and focused. He was willing to put in the hard work to successfully organize and close a deal. Klete cares about people, which allows him to build trust with both his fellow workers and clients. Klete is someone you can count on.

Klete has deep remorse for his participation in the events at the Capitol. He and I have talked often (with him usually shedding a few tears) about how he could have supported this important cause differently. He has spent the past 2 years in a purgatory of sorts that would break a lesser man. Klete has learned his lesson and knows that God has redirected a new plan for his life. I cannot see the benefit of incarceration for this mistake but understand that is not my decision. I and so many others in Colorado Springs who respect Klete for standing strong through this storm will continue to love and support him.

Thank You,





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October 20, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Reference: United States of America v. Klete Derik Keller, Criminal No. (1:21-cr-00104-RJL)

Dear The Honorable Richard J. Leon,

I am [REDACTED], the President and Managing Broker of Hoff & Leigh in Ohio. I have worked under the Hoff & Leigh Networks since November of 2009. I met Klete Keller at our annual Networks meetings in 2019 and have since spent time with him at other meetings and training sessions over the years. Also, I have spoken with Klete many times via phone.

I am writing this letter to you today because I believe Klete is a genuinely good person and has many positive qualities. In order to become an elite swimmer and Olympic Gold Medalist like Klete, a person must be 100% committed to a goal and work harder than most to achieve that goal. Few will know the amount of hard work and dedication that must be put forth in order to achieve this level of success. I can tell you firsthand, he lives his life with the same level of commitment toward being a good role model, coworker, and friend.

I remember receiving a call from Klete approximately January 15th, 2020. He called to apologize to me and to all of the people that work in Ohio under Hoff & Leigh for the mistake that he made. He knew that his actions would have an impact on Hoff & Leigh that would trickle down and affect everyone that works here. He was right. He accepted full responsibility for his actions and could not have been more remorseful. Based on all the above, I have forgiven him.

Over the last 3 plus years I have spoken with Klete about the situation many times. He has dealt with anxiety related to his actions and it has been difficult for him. He has been very hard on himself over his actions, which has ultimately been a very severe punishment in itself. His new goal is to try and take a negative situation and turn it into a positive. He intends to do so by being a good role model and giving back to the community. By telling his story, he is confident that he can convince others to make better choices in life.

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I respectfully ask for all involved in the sentencing of Klete Keller's punishment to keep in mind that he accepts full responsibility for his actions and is truly sorry. Klete intends to make an "Olympic" effort to turn this negative into a positive.

Respectfully,

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November 15, 2023

To: The Honorable Richard J. Leon
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia

Re: United States vs Klete Derik Keller (1:21-cr-00104-RJL)

Dear Honorable Richard J. Leon

Your Honor,

Hello, my name [REDACTED]. I was a flight attendant 25 years for U.S. Airways, now American Airlines and am now retired. My husband [REDACTED] and I live in Dewey Arizona right outside Prescott Arizona. I am writing you on behalf of Klete Derik Keller. Klete considers me as his aunt, however, our biological relationship is, his father and I are first cousins. Klete has been in our lives since birth. Our families were close and spent much time together.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you about the Klete I know and love. Klete was very bright, respectful, inquisitive, very energetic, athletic and fascinated with life. He was rambunctious just like most little boys.

He grew up in a strict and disciplined home, given direction with a priority on education, hard work, and setting goals. He was well provided for and loved.

Klete began swim training at a very young age and worked hard and diligently to accomplish the goal of an Olympic swimmer winning many medals. That was no easy task, it takes focus and an enormous amount of perseverance. I, we, are proud of him.

Throughout the pursuits of his life Klete and I have always stayed in contact and we have maintained a close relationship. As the journey of life goes we all encounter ups and downs. Those "things", situations or circumstances that happen will either grow you or defeat you. Klete has not been a quitter, he is resilient.

I have watched Klete grow, mature and evolve into a respectful, humble, responsible young man.

So here we are today and the reason for this letter, Your Honor, I have never known or have seen Klete in trouble, look for trouble or cause trouble. He has been a law abiding citizen, respectful of others, a "gentle giant" and as I mentioned before, humble.

He has established his life and career along with his wife in Colorado Springs, Colo.

I know there are consequences for our actions, intentional or not. Your Honor, Judge Leon, I am praying you will take in consideration with compassion Klete's character.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this letter and hearing from those of us who "Know" Klete. Once again your Honor I ask for your mercy as you make the decision in Klete's case for his future. Thank-you for hearing me. I will respect and honor your decision.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]