

To whom it may concern,

I first met Tommy Fee in the fall of 2016. I was introduced to Fee as they called him on the Arthur Ashe tennis stadium in Flushing Queens, NY. We both worked for the same company as members of Local 638 Steamfitters union. I was assigned to work for Rite-Flow mechanical as a second-year apprentice. There were approximately eight of us on the crew and 50% of the men are members of the FDNY as well as a volunteer in U.S. Reserves. Looking back, I believe this was one of the best jobs I had been on in my career thus far. Also, they are some of the most generous and kind hearted guys I have ever had the pleasure of working with and consider them and example of the truest form of brotherhood that our union is forged upon.

Being a steamfitter is not for everyone. Construction can be a dangerous and daunting industry, especially when you are working hundreds of feet above the ground. Tommy would often discuss the complicated nature of the job, offering advice on how to safely complete the tasks at hand. He acted as the competent person in many of the instances that required extra precautions. He would often volunteer to handle the extremely hazardous tasks while we watched safely from the ground. I can recall him taking time each morning to give tool box safety talks and organize pre-task planning, assuring that apprentices and journeyman alike had all the information needed to make it home safely.

I struggled with attendance early on in my apprenticeship and showed signs of fatigue from over indulgence of alcohol. On days when I exhibited these signs Fee covered for me, instructed me to take it easy and helped me complete the day at a safe pace. He extended his personal time to me on multiple occasions and urged me to call him if I needed someone of sound and sober mind. When we had time to talk in private, he took me aside to confide in me, that he too knew what it was like, and that there was a solution to this intemperance. He urged me to seek help through our unions EAP and indirectly impacted my future in the business.

I consider Tommy Fee as a brother in our union, and as friend and mentor. He is not only one of New Yorks Bravest but I consider him to be an honest and trustworthy individual that I am proud to call my brother.

Fraternally yours,

Alexander L. Retenski

Re: Thomas Fee

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is James Earl. I am a retired Fire Lieutenant from the New York City Fire Department.

I served 38 years with the FDNY. Since 2006 I also served on the Executive Board of H.E.A.R.T. 911,

A volunteer organization providing various services such as Disaster response, building homes for wounded and disabled veterans, counseling first responders after traumatic incidents, and providing support services after major disasters, foreign and domestic.

During my tenure at both organizations, I have worked with Thomas Fee for many years.

I was his direct supervisor for several years in a front-line fire company, and in the same role as we both transferred to a role in The Special Operations Command. I found Thomas Fee to be dedicated, energetic, and enthusiastic at a higher degree than the average firefighter.

Thomas Fee accompanied me on several volunteer operations including a trip to New Orleans a year after Hurricane Katrina, several veteran home builds, and trips to Fort Drum, NY to cook for our troops on family day. The bottom line is simply, Thomas Fee is basically a good person.


At no time during my relationship with Thomas Fee did he show any signs of being a political person. In fact, I would describe him as A-political. Thomas Fee recently retired, and I believe the void that retirement caused, left him looking for something to fill that void. His attendance at the ill-fated January 6th rally was a mistake and he was caught up in something much bigger than he ever imagined.

I have known and worked with Thomas Fee long enough to be certain he meant no ill will towards anyone or our Government on January 6th. I believe he was caught up within a crowd and made a huge mistake by following along. I fully believe he has learned his lesson and I respectfully request Mr. Fee be given the benefit of the doubt and granted whatever leniency possible in this unfortunate circumstance.

If I could be of any additional help please feel free to contact me @ [REDACTED]

Thank-you,

James Earl

Edward A. Morrison


March 20th 2022

Honorable Senior Judge John D. Bates

Subject: Thomas Fee

Your Honor:

I have worked with Thomas within the New York City Fire Department for the last 12 years and have been friends for over 20 yrs. His fire service also extended to his community in Freeport since 1984. His compassion for others and dedication is unmatched. Earning a position in The Special Operation Command is no easy task and comes with great responsibility and pride. We worked together during Hurricane Sandy in a swift water unit in the Rockaways. The night was quite eventful with large sections of the Rockaway's being isolated and swept by fire and flooding. Our unit Swift Water 6 became isolated, enduring hurricane force winds and intense fire conditions we managed to rescue numerous people from their homes. We operated in swift water inflatable boats and exposure suits throughout the night. Thomas and members of Swift Water 6 were recognized by the New York City Fire Department and received citations to commemorate their outstanding bravery and service. To give one's life for another or to trust someone with your own life are remarkable qualities that he readily exhibit's in the fire service and life itself. Thomas also worked extensively at the World Trade Center and now deals with the after effects of PTSD and cancer. One bad decision should not define who a man is; I would hope that you will take his good qualities and service to the community into consideration on sentencing day.

Thank you for your consideration,

Edward A. Morrison
FDNY Retired

February 25, 2002

Hon. John D. Bates
United States District Court
District Court for the District of Columbia
Washington, Dc 20530

Justice Bates,

My name is Edward O'Driscoll and I am a retired detective from the New York City Police Department. I am writing this letter to let you know how I know Thomas J. Fee. I have known Tommy for over 40 years. During this time we have been close friends, teammates, served in the volunteer fire service together and most importantly Tommy was a groomsman in my wedding in 1997. Tommy's actions on January 6, 2021 were totally out of character for him.

For as long as I have known Tommy, he has been a true friend and gentlemen. Tommy is the reason I joined the volunteer fire service in 1998, where we served together for almost 12 years. I moved out of town and Tommy continued to serve. This led Tommy to become a New York City Fireman where he served for 22 years before being forced to retire due to a 9/11 illness. The NYC firemen I know who worked with Tommy all said, if they got into trouble at a fire, they hoped Tommy was working to help get them out of that trouble. Anything Tommy did he gave it 100% effort.

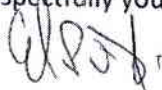
During his 27 years of sobriety, I personally put 2 family members in touch with Tommy for guidance with the hopes of beating their addictions. Again, Tommy gave 100% effort in trying to help them. Tommy's first passion was the FDNY and his second passion is helping people with their addictions. I can go on and on telling stories about growing up with Tommy, but I will tell you Tommy was never a violent or destructive person.

Tommy and I both know what he did on January 6, 2021 was wrong and he will have to live with that for the rest of his life but by no means should this characterize Thomas J. Fee as a man.

I hope you take what I have said about Tommy into consideration when he appears before you on April 1, 2022 for sentencing.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Edward P. O'Driscoll
Retired Detective NYPD

Dear Judge Bates,

I have known Thomas and have been in a committed relationship with him for almost two years now. At the time that we met he was on medical leave from the FDNY. Soon after they would retire him due to the fact, that his cancer diagnosis would no longer classify him as physically fit to perform the job. Thomas loved being a fireman, it was his childhood dream. He had joined the volunteer fire depart as a junior fireman at the age of 14. In his 22 years of service to the FDNY he had put his life on the line countless times to help other's. He was recognized by the FDNY and received an award for the lives he saved during Super Storm Sandy. He was an active participant in the search and rescue operations of 911, which ultimately lead to a few health-related problems down the road. Thomas served the public for nearly 40 years as a fire fighter.

Thomas also had a second career as a union steamfitter. He is extremely handy and loves to work on home improvement projects. Whether it is a plumbing issue, building something or just lending a hand in some other way he is the guy everyone goes to. He is happy to help and never asks for anything in return.

Thomas has been sober since 1994 and through his experience with AA, which he continues to remain active in; he has learned how to live a clean and fulfilling life. He believes so strongly in the program that Thomas has helped several people battle their own addiction's. Many time's these are people he doesn't know. Thomas friend's and peers knowing the kind of person he is, feel comfortable asking him if he could help a friend of theirs and he always does without hesitation. He has a way of connecting with people that makes them feel comfortable and safe.

Many of his friends reach out to him for support or for advice. He is always there to lend an ear and provide comfort. Thomas is a stand-up guy who is honest, trustworthy, genuine and demonstrates integrity. He takes pride in himself and his relationships.

I am sure that by now you can see that Thomas is a kind, compassionate, caring and giving person. These are some of the things that made me fall in love with him. No matter the circumstances he is willing to accept responsibility for his actions on January 6th. I can assure you that Thomas is not a violent man, or somebody who would act out in a manner that would cause danger to himself or others. He has been cooperative throughout this process and will continue to be cooperative proceeding his sentencing.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Tallyann Byrne

U.S. District Judge
Hon. John D. Bates

2/28/2022

Your Honor,

Please accept this letter on behalf of Thomas Fee who has appeared before you.

My name is Randy Hassell and I reside at [REDACTED]. I have known Thomas Fee since grade school in the early 1980's. We have been lifelong friends ever since.

Thomas is a person of family and faith and has a big heart. But recently his heart overpowered his logic. His involvement in the events in Washington, DC on January 6th, 2021 does not accurately represent his character. Please know that Tommy is aware of the mistakes he made that day and be assured that it is not a true reflection of the good man he is. He regrets his involvement to say the least. It has not only cost him financially but also has deeply embarrassed him and diminished his reputation among his family, friends and colleagues.

As you are probably well aware, Tommy is a retired decorated veteran of the FDNY. He has put his life on the line during virtually every major disaster in our area in recent history. Many, many people owe their lives to him. He has endured various injuries and health issues during his career and continues with those struggles today. Together we have volunteered in the Freeport Fire Dept. for almost forty years. His heart is always in the right place. Personally, he is a mentor to my 10-year-old son by coaching him with lacrosse skills while instilling a committed work ethic and the importance of good sportsmanship.

It goes without saying that in the last year, he has learned many lessons. It is my hope that you consider all of the good things Tommy has done throughout his life and continues to do for his community while also determining a fair sentence for his misconduct.

Regards,



Randy Hassell



Mrs. Penny Allen

[REDACTED]
June 10, 2021

Dear Honorable Judge of the Court;

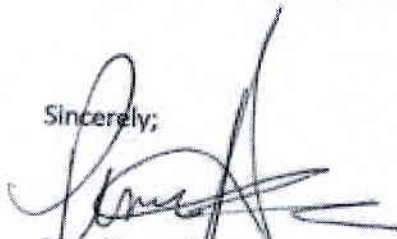
I have know Mr. Thomas Fee as a good friend and neighbor for over ten years. I was both troubled and suprised to hear about his recent involvement with the incident at the Capital. It is for this reason I am happy to write this letter of reference for Mr. Thomas Fee regarding this matter. I understand the seriousness of the matter however, I pray the court will show leniency.

Mr. Fee has always been a law abiding upright citizen of the community. In the many years that I have known Mr. Fee my African American Heritage has never crossed his mine. Thomas sees no color. I can recall Mr. Fee responding to the floods of Super Storm Sandy, rescuing neighbors of all nationalities. Mr. Fee is also a seasoned Fire Fighter and when going into a burning building there is no way to know the race of the person you will be saving. All lives matter. Mr. Fee also risked his life on 9/11 with a burning Twln Towers not knowing the race of the many victims he saved.

I can speak to you with authority about the moral condition of Thomas Fee, he is a upstanding character in our community. While it is unfortunate that that he has made a bad decision, thus resulting in this case. While I was surprised to hear of the misconduct, it comes as no surprise that he is ready to take responsibility for his actions. I believe that as we move forward he has learned from hispoor decision and will emerge a better person. Life is a learning experience and no one is perfect in society. Mr. Fee has expressed a deep sense of remorse in making such a poor decision and and I truly believe in his ability to pay his debt to society.

It is my sincere hope that the court takes this letter into consideration at the time of sentencing. Despite the current case at hand, I still believe Mr. Thomas Fee to be an honorable individual, a valuable member of my community, and a good human being.

Sincerely;


Mrs. Penny Allen