

## **Exhibit D**

To The Honorable Judge Mos

My name is Steve Newman. I am writing this letter in support of Aaron Mileur who you will be sentencing on March 20<sup>th</sup> for his actions at the January 6<sup>th</sup> protests.

I met Aaron Mileur several years ago through several Veterans organizations. I have always found him to be straightforward, direct, and truthful. Aaron is always willing to help when called upon. As a fellow Vet I find these traits to be admirable and to be appreciated.

I have discussed with Aaron multiple times not only about the events of Jan 6<sup>th</sup> but also his involvement in it. He never tried to avoid or deflect his part in any of the events. I haven't seen any evidence that Aaron was destructive, violent or an agitator. I firmly believe that he went to Washington D.C. to peacefully protest his concerns about the direction our country is going and the displeasure felt by many fellow Americans about how our elected officials treat citizens that disagree with them with disdain.

As a Veteran myself I understand the feeling of standing up for real or perceived misdeeds. It is unrealistic to ask young men and women to join a volunteer military where you may be called out in the dead of night and sent anywhere around the world to put their life on the line for the USA, Our Democracy, It's Citizens and the very same elected officials, and then somehow turn off that sense of duty once you separate from the military. Being a vet is a lifelong commitment that I know Aaron takes very seriously as do I. I hope you take that service into consideration and show compassion and understanding when you pass judgement on Aaron. If we can't as a society can't have a little forgiveness in our hearts for a person who even though facing charges continues to go to work each day and still find time to put other people's needs in front of their own, then I cringe to think where this country ends. I see no benefit to our society, the community of Wasilla, Alaska or the vets and their families that he continues to help by incarcerating Aaron. Community service seems much more appropriate in this case.

Sincerely,

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