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District Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
United States District Court  
District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Honorable Judge Jackson,

I am writing this letter on behalf of David Wiersma (Case No. 21-cr-00592-ABJ).

I would like to start by saying that Dave is one of my oldest and closest friends. We grew up in the same town, Posen Illinois and have been friends since high school more than 50 years. Dave and I got our first jobs together working at a department store called Montgomery Ward in the south suburbs of Chicago. I have never known Dave to be violent or involved in any activities that would put his reputation or safety, or those of others at risk.

Dave and I coached 7th and 8th grade boys and girls basketball in early 1980's and Dave continued to coach softball and manage teams for more than 20 years. Our guiding principles for coaching have never changed .... Teamwork, friendship, loyalty, and commitment.

Dave has two special needs brothers Doug and Jim. Dave has always stayed close to them and provides support and guidance in their lives.

For his profession, Dave has worked in the construction industry, specifically testing and inspection as a quality engineer with a good part of his career concentrated in nuclear power plants where he was required to receive top level security clearances. We have shared many stories over the years about how his role felt like the last line of defense against mistakes and substandard workmanship.

On a more personal note, about 40 years ago Dave introduced me to a young nurse that he had met in his apartment complex. I'll never forget the call "you have got to meet this girl.....just do it." Dave was right of course, and my wife and I have been married for 35 years. Shortly after our marriage she went back to school and become a physician. She has worked 18 years at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, seven of those years as the Medical Director of Cook County Jail. We have three children who are all professionals. Dave has always stayed close to our family and when my eldest son and daughter married both took the time at their wedding receptions to give a shout out to "Uncle Dave", in front of the guests to thank him for introducing their parents.

Judge Jackson, I hope this letter gives you some of the positive background on Dave Wiersma to consider as you conclude his case. He is a good person and as good a friend as anyone could ever ask for. I thank you for your time and wish you all the best.

I am available at your convenience if you have any further questions.



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