

October 12, 2022

The Honorable Judge Amy Berman Jackson,

This letter is written on behalf of David W. Wiersma.

By way of introduction, my name is Helen Wiersma (80) and I am one of David's paternal aunts. Prior to retirement, my vocational background consisted of working for: two Law Firms, a Judge Magistrate, and South Shore Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, as Executive Assistant to the President for 36 years. I also held an elected position on the hospital's Board of Directors for 36 years.

Due to being related to David, I am aware of situations in the family that I believe would be highly useful and important for the Court to be cognizant of as you contemplate his sentence.

David is the second oldest of six children. His older and next younger brother unfortunately were born with challenging intellectual limitations that make it very difficult for them to function successfully in society. Since the death of their father twenty-two years ago and the mother twenty years ago, David assumed a patriarchal role of supervising and mentoring his siblings. These two brothers especially lean on him heavily for guidance, advice, and direction. Due to David's vigilant and consistent attention and devotion, these two individuals currently live independently.

My sister, Katherine (87), is disabled and also presently battling terminal cancer. Her professional career included working for The Federal Bureau of Investigation and resulted in a favorable citation from Director J. Edgar Hoover. Her last position was as Executive Assistant to the Central Regional Postmaster General in Chicago, IL. Katherine's condition requires assistance from time to time that exceeds what I can provide and for which David unselfishly responds.

In short, David Wiersma recognizes familial and non-familial needs and unselfishly responds. That is a rare virtue worth celebrating. Our family and others depend heavily upon David's assistance and encouragement, and so I hope that will be considered as you contemplate his sentence resulting from his attendance at the January 6th rally in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,  
Helen Wiersma