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FROM: Mr. David Bohannon

Clifton Heights, PA

TO: District Judge John D. Bates

D. C. District Court

Washington, DC 2000

January 23, 2023

Honorable John D. Bates,

On January 6, 2020 Michael J. Dickinson, Jr. of Philadelphia, PA was videoed tossing a small bottle of water towards and striking a Washington, DC Police officer. Months later FBI agents and other law enforcement officers showed up at his home in Philadelphia, PA to arrest him and charge him for his actions that day. Since that day his life has changed. He has secluded himself to his home by limiting his activities to working every day and attending a small amount of social activities involving family and friends.

I sir, feel compelled to help this young man, which is why I am writing to you and asking for your consideration in your judgement of his actions. My intent is to introduce you to the Michael I know. I grew up in the same neighborhood as he has and I am a life long friend of the Dickinson Family. There is an opportunity in South Philadelphia for its residents to choose a path of good or bad. Michael has chosen to be a good person. He has made mistakes but quickly learned from them and has lived in respect for others and the law. He is accommodating to his family and neighbors. His respect for the law and its enforcement comes from his love for a number of family members serving as Police Officers in the Philadelphia area. He knows and witnesses their sacrifices along with the lessons they taught him. He knows right from wrong and has kept out of trouble prior to January 6, 2020.

Michael realizes the gravity of his current situation. He regrets his course of action that day. His intent was to help a woman and child from being pushed by Police and coming close to being harmed. He reacted by tossing a small bottle of water towards the police involved and shouting to them that they were hurting the lady and child (or words to that effect). In the heat of the moment he never gave a thought of the consequences that has resulted. Those consequences are his arrest and possible incarceration, which has caused him embarrassment and sorrow along with the pressure he and his family have suffered. His Mom is treated for a hereditary disease that has taken the life of her Mother and this stress can cause a very serious life threatening health issue.

I, sir, am a 74 year old man, father of five children and a Veteran of the US Army and served in the Republic of Vietnam. Every year on the first Saturday of October our neighbors gather at Taney and Pine Streets, Markward Playground in Philadelphia. At this site we have constructed a stone monument listing the names of our Fallen Heroes from WW I, WW II, Korea and Vietnam from this same neighborhood Michael lives. Michael's uncle served in Korea in the late 1960s. He is always standing there with his uncle honoring those who sacrificed their lives for our nation. He knows the value of our freedom and he honors our vets who have served to protect these American standards.

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He made a mistake that has brought shame and sorrow into his young life and his family. Your Honor I am asking you to see Michael as I see him. Please value the rest of his life and the lessons he has learned. Young Michael's future will be guided through your wisdom, I ask you to be compassionate and merciful in your judgement towards him.

Thank you, your Honor and God Bless You and The United States of America.

**David Bohannon** 

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as I watched the events of January 6, 2021 unfold on television I was in total disbelief as to what I was witnessing, and weeks later found out that Michael had played a part in the events of January 6, 2021. To say that I was shocked to find that Michael played a part in the events of January 6, 2021 would be an understatement because this is so far out of character for the Michael Dichinson That I know and have watch grow into a responsible young man.

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decisions.

I hope you would take this letter into consideration when making your decision regaurding Michale Dickinson.

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## Elizabeth M. Gehlot

## Ardmore, PA

January 30, 2023

District Judge John D. Bates D.C. District Court Washington, D.C. 20001

Your Honor:

Michael Dickinson is an easy-going, kind, helpful person who deeply cares about the well-being of others - particularly his family. This incident is NOT representative of how he lives his life day in and day out. His record before this incident and his actions since this incident is more indicative of the person Michael Dickinson is. I have known Michael his entire life and have consistently been in his company throughout. I can confidently state I know him very well.

Michael, like many of us, witnessed the injustice that was happening in our country. Social media certainly played a significant role in presenting those injustices with an emphasis on emotion vs facts. Michael's feelings in this regard led him to want to take some sort of personal action to bring about positive change. When there was an opportunity to travel to Washington to "do" something through peaceful demonstration to bring about and be part of the positive change he was hoping for, he took it. That's how much he cared! I don't believe he envisioned the outcome or how emotionally charged the situation would become. I sincerely believe his actions on that fateful day were NEVER an outcome Michael thought could or would happen. The combination of the madness that erupted, mob mentality, and his emotions rather than rational mental state took over and Michael's actions shifted to self-protection. Despite all this chaos surrounding him, he was able to make the rational decision NOT to enter the capitol.

Since that time, records will show Michael has recovered from his own injuries sustained as a result of being shot in the mouth, having his jaw wired shut, and the recovery that entailed. He has been reflective, amenable to all restrictions and limitations required of him, has learned a fundamental life lesson, and, most of all, matured in a way that will prevent any future action of this nature happening again.

Please consider all these aspects as you make your decision.

For your information, Michael's mother and I are first cousins. We have been constant companions throughout our lives - we are more like sisters than cousins. As a result, I have known Michael his entire life.

Sincerely, It sulpt.

Elizaběth M. Gehlot

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Family Member

January 23, 2023

District Judge John D. Bates D.C. District Court Washington, DC 20001

Your Honor:

I'm writing this letter on behalf of my great-nephew, Michael J. Dickinson, Jr. My intent is not to argue the instance on January 6, 2021, as that is up to others. Rather, I'd like to introduce you to the character, family member and citizen that is Michael J. Dickinson, Jr.

Michael is a tall, personable young man born into an Irish Catholic family residing in South Philly. Current and past generations have been lower to middle class families, that worked, sent their children to school every day and bent their knee to the Lord on Sunday. It's not a perfect or luxurious lifestyle, and at times it has gotten contentious, but it has been a stable, respectful existence.

I realize that Michael has chosen to plead guilty to the charges against him, so I'm submitting the following reasons for granting Michael leniency.

Prior to this event, Michael has never been in violation of the law...any law. He's no angel, but he's also no criminal. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, he went to Washington, DC to listen to President Trump's speech. He had no intention of getting involved in a conflict. He did, however, allow the frenzy of the crowd to spike his temper and in a lapse of judgement, he threw a water bottle at the Capitol Police line.

Since this event, Michael has been arrested, charged and released on his own recognizance. During this time, he has adhered to all requirements for his release. He attends all required meetings with his Parole Officer and has passed all drug test. He has also obtained employment and is contributing to his family's financial needs. Michael is identified as a conscientious and reliable worker.

Michael was seriously wounded by a facial shot with a rubber bullet. He sustained a fracture that went from his jaw to the roof of his mouth, as well as losing 3 or 4 teeth. This event didn't happen at the time he threw the water bottle, but rather 15-20 minutes later as he was leaving the grounds of the Capitol. This implies that there were wrong actions on both sides.

A final consideration is on a personal level. Michael's grandmother, Jane, was my older sister. She passed away at the age of thirty-six from a hereditary disease known as Primary Pulmonary Hypertension. This disease predominately attacks women in their early thirties and has no known cure other than a double lung transplant. It restricts the blood flow from the heart to the lungs, creating a

back wash that causes damage to both the heart and lungs. Michael's mother, Gayle, has inherited this disease. She has been under the care of doctors and on medications for the past 20+ years. The stress of this event is taking a toll on her health and I fear for her mortality should Michael be incarcerated.

Given the above, I implore to your humanity. Michael is willing to accept the consequences of his actions, but please temper your judgement with compassion. He made an instinctive mistake, has adhered to the provisions of the law placed on him since and has never been a threat to the security of this nation. Continued oversight and probation would be greatly appreciated.

Please let your judgement consider the circumstances, and intent, as well as the after effectives of January 6, 2021.

Sincerely,
Joanne Aungst
Transactional Tax Manager

February 2, 2023

District Judge John D. Bates D.C District Court Washington. D.C

Your Honor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my Godson, Michael Dickinson, Jr. I wanted to bring to your attention the kind of person he is. I have known him all his life, since the day he was born. I've watched him grow into a true gentleman. He is very kind, caring, thoughtful and always willing to help. He is also very responsible and shows up to work every day. When asked to work overtime he always accepts. I hope that you will read this letter and consider this character reference before passing on your verdict. Michael has learned a lesson the hard way and after suffering a wound to his face and jaw he'll carry the scars as a reminder. It's something that will stay with him forever, as I'm sure this is a learning experience that he will never forget.

I hope that you will read this letter and realize that Michael is a person of decent character who made a poor choice during a stressful situation. Despite his mistakes I, and the rest of our family consider Michael to be an honorable and valuable member of our family and community. Thank you for your time and consideration with this matter.

Best regards,

Joanne Houck