

EXHIBIT E

April 26, 2023

Luke Lints, No. 22-cr-259-TNMd.

To: Hon. Trevor N. McFadden, United States District Judge

Dear Judge McFadden,

My name is Walter L. Kidd, Jr. I am a mentor/friend of Luke Lints. I have been married for 41 years to the same woman. We have had 5 children and now have been blessed with 5 granddaughters. I am 62 years old and have known Luke since he was a young boy. At that time I only knew him and his family on a casual basis, they attended the same church as me and my family. When he got older, Luke became a friend of several of my children and therefore of our family. He also worked with me on and off through the years doing manual labor, sometimes for pay and many times just out of the kindness of his heart. He seemed to always be willing to help me around our yard if he had time whether he was being paid or not. In the last 5-6 years he has really blessed us by helping us with our garden. Luke absolutely loves gardening and he was very willing to help us when we needed it.

Something that has always impressed me about Luke through the years has been his attitude. He was raised in a broken home with both parents struggling with substance abuse of various kinds for many years. I have watched him struggle through this while maintaining an incredible amount of respect for his parents, while doing his best to keep his relationship with them as healthy as possible. His character has set him apart from most young people his age.

He really struggled for a year or so in his teen years with trying to understand life, etc. He withdrew from the church and friends while he was apparently trying to figure out who he was, etc. He ended up finding another church and really came to life! Since then, he's been growing in character.

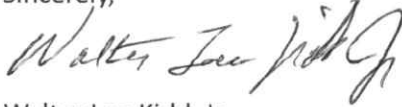
Luke is a very compassionate young man. He is always quick to give me a hug upon greeting and/or saying our good-by's, along with an ever present "I love you". I've always noticed that he tends to stick up for the under dogs of life and is very merciful and kind to everyone he meets. I'm actually very proud of who he has become.

Obviously, since I wasn't at the event at the Capital when the improper actions took place that Luke was accused of, I have no firsthand knowledge. However, I do know Luke to be a patriotic lover of our country. I also believe what he told me about witnessing a man being severely beaten by Capital police. I certainly cannot judge whether it was an excessive or necessary use of power, but I do believe that if Luke somehow interfered, He was only acting out of compassion on the man and literally feared for the man's life. I have never known Luke to be rebellious against authority, at least to my knowledge, but I have many times known him to be protective and show mercy to people being taken advantage of. That is why I have no trouble believing his account of what happened ... it seems in line with who he is. Also, in knowing Luke, I know that (because of his upbringing) he doesn't always make the wisest decisions, but not because of bad motives, but more because he lacks the wisdom needed at times. He has admitted to me that it was probably a wrong decision even going into the Capital with the rest of the crowd, but he just sort of got swept along in the excitement of the moment.

I sincerely believe that Luke meant no harm to anyone at the capital, it's just not who he is. I ask for you to show him mercy in this situation, and if at all possible, to avoid giving him prison time. I really feel that he has learned an important lesson. I believe that prison time would be detrimental rather than helpful at this time. Of course, I understand that you will be hearing evidence and facts that I am not privy to, but I just wanted to be one who could attest to Luke's character. He didn't have to convince me to write this letter, I was pleased to do so on his behalf!

Thank you so much for your time and consideration of my relationship with Luke.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter Lee Kidd, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Walter Lee Kidd, Jr.

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