

Honorable Judge Amy Berman Jackson,

I am writing this letter as a character witness for my son, Kevin Michael, who is currently awaiting sentencing in the court of law. Kevin Michael is my oldest child and most like my husband of all my children. He shares the same mannerisms and stubbornness as his dad, but a gentle soul that would do anything for anybody in need.

Kevin Michael followed in his dad's footsteps in serving his country by enlisting in the United States Military. He served his country proudly, for seven years and received an honorable discharge. As a mother, I am extremely proud of his service and I am thankful that he never had to go through the horrors of war like his dad, and be scarred for life.

Kevin Michael was a dedicated soldier who always put the needs of his unit and his fellow Soldiers above his own. His military service instilled in him a sense of discipline, perseverance, and courage that has stayed with him throughout his life.

As a son and brother, Kevin Michael has always been a positive role model for his younger brothers and sister. When his father was either on deployments or gone to war while in the Military, Kevin Michael stepped up and helped me beyond measure in our family's daily life activities until his father came back home. During the covid-19 shutdowns he would help out his younger brother Blake with his homework. And once we decided to home school Blake, Kevin Michael has been an integral part of Blake's education.

When I first heard about Kevin's Michael's involvement in the events of January 6th, 2021, I was shocked and devastated. I told my husband before they went to Washington D.C. "Don't do anything stupid, you are responsible for the boys". Obviously my husband did not do what he was supposed to do as a father, and I am still dealing with him. Kevin Michael made a terrible and irreversible mistake and I know he is deeply remorseful for his actions. I believe he understands the gravity of the decisions he made that fateful day and is committed to making amends for his mistakes.

My expectation for Kevin Michael in the future is that he will continue to be a positive influence on our family and community. I do not believe that a momentary lapse in judgment should define a person's life, and I am confident that Kevin Michael will be able to venerate the values he has always upheld as he moves forward. I am committed to supporting him in any way I can, and I am confident that he has the fortitude and resilience to overcome this obstacle and emerge from it a better, more compassionate person.

I respectfully request that you take Kevin Michael's past, years of service to his country, and commitment to our family into account when determining his sentence. Kevin Michael has never been in trouble with the law before, and I believe he sincerely regrets his error in judgment. I disagree vehemently with the prosecutors' assertions that Kevin Michael lacks contrition for his actions. Nobody knows Kevin Michael as well as I do. If he could, he would do anything to undo that day. His actions that day caused him to lose his livelihood. He has applied for other jobs, but his background check reveals that he has been charged with four felonies (an obvious error in data input), making it difficult for him to find long-term employment. He is dedicated to make restitution for his actions and demonstrates a willingness to accept responsibility for his life changing decisions.

In conclusion, I ask that you consider Kevin Michael's character, his past, and his commitment to service when making your decision. I thank you for your time and consideration and hope that you will take this letter into account as you decide his sentencing.

Sincerely,

Isela Cronin