

To the Presiding Honorable Judge Randolph D. Moss,

I, Misty West, am writing you this letter on recommendation for Mr. Luke Faulkner. I know that Mr. Faulkner has pleaded guilty to Parading and Demonstrating or Picketing in a Capital Building. I am writing to offer a little understanding of who Mr. Faulkner is, and that he is someone who is far more than the offense he pled guilty to.

Luke and I have been in a relationship for nearly twenty-five years. I think it's important to understand something about me to know Luke's authenticity. I fell out of a car when I was four years old and have brachial plexus palsy of the left arm in simpler terms, I am paralyzed, my left arm is significantly smaller than my right arm and my body has some severe scarring. Luke never seemed to see my arm or scars; Luke seen what even I couldn't, just me. Luke is understanding and a loving man. I was able to stay home with our children, as well as homeschool them. This also allowed me to pursue my passion for quilting. I've been able to do these things through the sacrifices he has made and the support he has given me. We have an incredible relationship, not only do I feel his love every day but I see it in his eyes. I really wanted to kayak but with only the use of one arm I would have gone in circles trying to use a paddle, Luke drove round trip to Florida to get me a peddle kayak. We enjoy countless hours at the lake with our family. Luke comes home from work thinking of me and the pain I might be in from overusing my arm never complaining of his day or his pain he may be in from a long hard day of concrete.

Together, we have two daughters and Luke chose to raise my son as his own. He is a very involved and compassionate father. He has always made time for his children even when he would work late, he would stay up with the kids to have quality time with them. Luke is and has always been supportive of them.

Our son with his love for motor cross, Luke never missed a practice, or a race no matter how far away they were Luke always made time. Or our son's decision to go to college for electrical engineering to becoming an electrician, a husband, and father to Luke's grandson, also his name's sake.

Or our oldest daughter always taking her clothes shopping and picking out her dresses for her homeschool dances and her wedding. He taught both her and our son to drive. He supported her venture into becoming a cosmetologist then on to dental assisting before settling into what she was born to do, being a homemaker and a mother to Luke's granddaughter.

To our youngest who is still at home, whom he bought a golf cart to start teaching her the basics of driving. He loves staying up late with her playing Uno and hanging out. He spends every Friday and Saturday night at the skating rink because it's important to her.

She was home sleeping when the FBI showed up to arrest her father. While she did not see him being arrested, she was still traumatized by the three or four agents that came to her room kicking the door open causing it to slam into the wall, yelling for her to get out of bed, to get her shoes and coat with at least one gun pointed in her direction and the others to their side. I hope you can take into consideration the chastisement he has received from that experience, as this is a trauma that not only she and myself will carry with us for the rest of our lives, but also a very heavy burden her father will endure for the rest of his.

Luke is kindhearted and compassionate man. We have opened our home to numerous friends that have needed a place to stay whether it is while they are in town visiting other friends and family, or they

needed help getting on their feet, and even to a family of seven needing a place to stay while their house was getting built. He has given cars to friends in need and helped them get better jobs to have a more successful life. He knows no strangers and with no hesitation, will help, if help is needed.

He is very active in our church. He has taken a strong role in songs and worship, where he plays guitar and sings every Sunday and Wednesday. As well as helping to maintain the church building and property, helping wherever and whenever he can. He leads the men's prayer group on Saturdays. From there he spends the rest of his day going door to door in our community and surrounding areas, to spread the Gospel.

Luke is very dependable, motivated and works hard to provide for his family. He has great work ethics that he has instilled in our children. He is a remarkable partner, father, and friend. Luke is a man who is honest and well respected. I pray that you acknowledge all of these things and that this letter gives you a better understanding of Luke's character.

Thank you for your consideration, grace, and clemency.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Misty West', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Misty West