

February 27, 2023

RE: Support Letter on Behalf of Tyrone McFadden
US District Court Case No. 21-cr-0248-2-RDM
Sentencing Hearing Date: March 20, 2022

Dear Honorable Judge Moss:

My name is Shannel Hebron and I work in the field of public safety. Mr. Tyrone McFadden and I are first cousins related on our father's side of the family, we were born the same year 1979 and grew up relatively close with one another. Our family dynamic growing up was very strained and came with a lot of challenges. Most of our generation in the family was raised in impoverished communities and single parent households. Present in our family is a history of diagnosed and undiagnosed mental health issues that led to self medicating with alcohol and drugs. Also present in our family is a lot of sexual abuse/trauma and molestation that has occurred by the hands of our uncles and their friends; many have spoken out while others have not and suffered in silence. I am sure that this has impacted the life of my cousin Tyrone McFadden. He turned to the streets early as a means of survival, living by the examples that he was surrounded by. He spent a good part of his early adult life in the penal system and has been struggling to stay afloat ever since his release. He has worked numerous odd and end jobs but has no formal training or formal education. Despite his struggles he has remained positive and reliable for friends and family. He is always willing to help out and has been a stable person for the younger cousins in our family with the doors to his home always open and a listening ear with strong advice when needed. His home has been a safe haven for many in our family so that they are not subjective to negativity and abuse. I believe what is needed for my cousin is not incarceration to further set him back but collective measures to aid him in advancing. He could benefit from counseling that serves dual diagnosis individuals. There are some issues present that he has not acknowledged and therefore can not properly deal with. It would benefit him greatly if ordered to engage and complete a dual diagnosis counseling program with medication management. I am asking for leniency in his sentencing and that Your Honor takes into account the negative background of our family.

Respectfully Submitted,

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