

EXHIBIT E

The Honorable John D. Bates

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

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Dear Judge Bates,

I am Matt Hensel, I own a construction company that lead me to a relationship with Dave about 6 years ago. A business relationship that lead to being really good friends. I am writing this letter because I do care for Dave as a friend/brother and I'm aware of the charges against him.

I don't even know where to start with Dave, this situation was a very big surprise to me when he informed me about the charges against him. I've always known Dave to be the guy that would literally help anyone, whether it be financially or just giving them a ride. He has invited me on numerous hunts up north fully paid for and didn't care to be reimbursed but just about the memories we were creating. He is a caring father of 6, always doing things with them and taking them places. He's the most loving, loyal and amazing husband to his wife. Dave is a true family man, when it comes down to it they come first.

When Dave finally had come out and told me about his situation I could tell he was scared which I hadn't seen before. I've never know Dave to be in trouble or break the law. He's actually the opposite of that to me, I know he's been wanting to be a Maine guide for hunting/wildlife which

basically is following everything by the book. Dave has grown stronger over the duration of this and has become a little more humble about most things because he just wants it to be over. It's been breaking him down mentally but yet still stays strong for his family as a provider, husband and father.

Dave started his business from nothing and has grown it to what I know to be very successful. He has had his days where it's been tough to mentally go in to work and lead with all this going on but for the last 2 years his business continues to thrive. He's a hard worker for sure.

I think Dave has definitely learned from this whole thing, the lesson I'm unclear on for now because I think it goes much deeper for Dave than what he can explain to a friend. I know that he has accepted what consequences are to come whatever they may be and I know all he wants is not miss out on moments with his family. We live in a small town so obviously people talk but Dave has never let the small town drama or even the national news bother him because I can guarantee that almost anyone you ask in or around our town that knows Dave will tell you he's a great guy.

I will never judge Dave for this, I will only support him through this difficult time just like he's done and will always do for me. I've been sober from alcohol for over a year now and Dave has seen me at my worst, Dave has believed in me and supported me when I needed it and now he sees me at my best and for that I'm forever grateful to have Dave Ball in my life.

Sincerely

Matt Hensel