

EXHIBIT H

To The Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20001

Your Honor:

My name is Laurence Plotkin, and I am a business owner in Ogunquit, Maine. I have become acquainted with Mr. Ball over the last 10 years. Prior to owning my own business, I had a long corporate career, most recently as an Executive in Human Resources at a top technology company in Boston, Massachusetts for 9 years. It was my job primarily to evaluate talent and quickly get to the core of a person's character and motivations, skills, and capabilities.

Mr. Ball and I have become friendly but are firstly, and primarily associated with each other due to his role as a business owner and member of our community.

I am aware of the charges for which Mr. Ball has been convicted. In this case, the charge is Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building, in violation of 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G).

The behaviors and politics (I am extrapolating) that I assumed Mr. Ball apparently subscribes to are generally antithetical to

my own beliefs. I say this to make clear that we are not in sync. To put it plainly, I was disgusted and surprised when Mr. Ball contacted me to share his story after his arrest.

I made many assumptions about his involvement (and his perspective) and asked many questions as to why I should be sympathetic or supportive of what I at first blush considered total stupidity. I feel that have thoroughly investigated Mr. Ball's perspective post-conviction and had quite a bit of awareness of his thoughts pre-and post-arrest.

As a businessperson it is my experience that Mr. Ball is an intelligent and thoughtful person. He has been honest, forthright, and fully responsible in our many business dealings and in those of others that I am aware do business with him. I have seen him expand his business and his family and take great pride in his growth in both.

On a personal level he has matured a great deal throughout the time that I have known him. I have had occasion to see him acting professionally, and compassionately with his co-workers, family, and friends. In fact, I am aware of two instances when he came to me for advisement dealing with business and personnel challenges and found him to be inquisitive and wholly interested in creating the best possible outcome for all parties. Mr. Ball is an extremely committed business owner and

has much work to do to support his growing business and growing family.

Mr. Ball has demonstrated to me, well before a request for a character letter, how remorseful he is for his “unnecessary and quite frankly ignorant” participation in the actions of January 6th. He indicated that his curiosity got the best of him and truly regrets being caught up in something he doesn’t even seem to feel passionate about. Mr. Ball values his work, time with his family, his friends, and his truck. In short, it was an error in an otherwise relatively simple life.

As it directly related this his conviction, I believe this offense is out of character and would not be repeatable. Mr. Ball would better serve the community, and Mr. Ball’s family, if he were allowed to continue to develop his business and career as many rely on him for their security and livelihood.

Mr. Ball has repeatedly demonstrated to me a willingness to reflect and articulate his regret and remorse as it related to his participation and conviction. It is his hope that he be allowed to grow from this experience and not jeopardize valuable time and energy in the past but look to his future to redeem himself by doing good, honest work. I respectfully ask you to consider this

perspective as you proceed with the sentencing aspect of his conviction.

Sincerely,

Laurence Plotkin