

EXHIBIT I

October 10, 2023

The Honorable John D. Bates
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 2001

Dear Judge Bates:

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide you with this letter. I was a police officer for nearly ten years. In the early years of my career, I tried to supplement my income so my wife and I could buy our first home. To do this I started a business in 2014, as a general contractor, while still working as a full-time police officer. In 2020, I made the difficult decision to leave the profession and pursue my business full time. During my tenure I encountered numerous people and can confidently say I define character well.

My first communications and professional partnership with Mr. Ball began in 2019 while completing a custom shower for a bathroom renovation. Mr. Ball took my call and was able to meet with me right away to discuss the glass installation. After meeting with him I could tell he was ambitious and wanted nothing more than to thrive in his newly created business with perfection. A detail that was clearly visible after completion of the custom glass. Mr. Ball wanted his business to be the "go to" business for all the community's glass needs. Through conversation Mr. Ball and I discussed my career as a full-time law enforcement officer. He told me he had nothing but respect for the profession. Mr. Ball also installed glass for fellow law enforcement officers who have always spoken highly of him. In the four years that I have been working with Mr. Ball, myself, and the homeowners I represented have been impressed with the quality and professionalism of Mr. Ball and his team. Without a doubt I will continue to work with Mr. Ball on all glass installations.

During the last few years Mr. Ball and his team have continued to deliver excellent quality on every installation. I've watched Mr. Ball expand his business greatly. Today, I can say he is the "go to" business within the community. More importantly not for how his business is run, but for the type of person he is. Whenever I reach out to Mr. Ball, he is always willing to help in any way he can. When other trade professionals have discussed Mr. Ball's business or practices, not once have I heard anything negative. I believe Mr. Ball's business has flourished because of the character he exhibits as a person.

Earlier this year I received a call from Mr. Ball who told me directly what happened to him. I was away on vacation at the time without media outlets. Mr. Ball wanted to tell me directly what happened before the media did. I was shocked about what he told me. I didn't expect to hear this from Mr. Ball. After a brief conversation I told him I wouldn't stop doing business with him. The professional relationship I built with Mr. Ball supersedes what I could have seen on the 5 o'clock news depicting his character. I personally don't know all the circumstances surrounding this matter. What I do know is that I thanked him for his honesty. Mr. Ball has done nothing short of exemplifying moral integrity throughout the years. I have checked in with Mr. Ball from time to time knowing this is a stressful situation for him and his family.

Lastly, I have encountered numerous people and situations during my career. There have been very few people in my experience so willing to stand up, dress up, and fess up. I do believe Mr. Ball has done that, shown remorse, and will continue to be a productive member of society regardless.

Again, thank you for your time and opportunity to provide you with this letter.

Sincerely,
Thomas Kinney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Kinney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.