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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Bob since 1965 – we met as part of an education project at Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama. We were married in 1966 and divorced in 1983.

We had a mediated divorce which has helped us to parent our two children without some of the rancor and anger that too often affects divorce. We have remained supportive of each other during all this time and our children care about both of us. We have often celebrated holidays and other special occasions together.

I believe that Bob has remained committed to the same values of justice and equality that attracted me to him in the first place. This consistency (always supported by his own father whom we both loved and admired) has caused both our children to view him as a "hero" in terms of his political positions and his willingness to engage in "battle" to support them. I also think these last months have been difficult for him. I have had several opportunities to interact with him lately and he has shown an impressive ability to understand the situation from other points of view and to adapt and change his behavior to reflect the new understanding.

I believe that Bob will do whatever is required by the Court so that he can continue to make an important contribution to the ordinary people of San Diego consistent with the values on which his life is based. He is a very smart man and understands the importance of self-reflection and will, I'm sure, adhere to whatever conditions are imposed in his sentencing.

He has a lot to contribute to San Diego and I hope he will be given a chance to do so.


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