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July 27, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief of Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA 02210

RE: Richard McDonough

Dear Judge Wolf:

I would like to inform the court who Dick McDonough is as a brother and son. We are blessed to have a 93 year old mother who lives in Plymouth, MA. I live in Santa Monica, CA, my brother Jim lives in Santa Barbara Ca. and my brother Jay lives in Bradford Ma. The relationship between my brother Jay and my mother is not a good one. Because of the distance of where Jim and I live Dick is the one who my mother depends on for her health care and her over all well being. He is the one she trusts and depends on for emotional, physical and financial support. Dick is on her HIPAA Release, Designation of Health Care Surrogate, and Declaration of Living Will, and Will. I hope you can understand why as a family we are asking the Court to please keep him at home until his appeal has been completed. He has never done anything before this case except be an outstanding citizen.

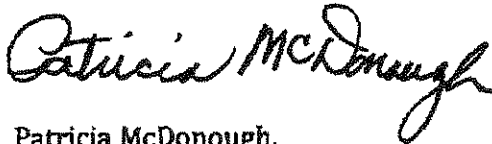
I am the only girl in the family and I could not ask for better brother than Dick. He has always looked out for me, the rest our family and anyone who is lucky enough to be his friend. Dick has always been the one who helps people in many different ways. For example: visiting them in the hospital, nursing homes, and offering financial help to those who are in need during rough times. One of the things I admire the most about Dick is he

always ready to help someone, whether it is a charity organization, someone on the street, or someone who needs help getting work. Dick is always the first to to help out and be there as long as he is needed. Dick will always go the extra mile. Dick is a man of integrity, when he gives you his word you can always count on him.

We were raised in family that has served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for many years and was taught at a very young age to give back to society. Dick has served in the Air National Guard to protect this country. Our family has served the Commonwealth in many different capacities. Dick was Director of Department of Commerce, Director of Tourism, and Director OF CETA. Our father was Dean of the Governor's Council, for over 30 years and also was in the House of Representatives. Uncle Jim McDonough was the Superintendent of Boston Trade School, Uncle Tom McDonough was the Head of Compliance for the Department of Revenue for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Uncle Edward Keating was Clerk of Courts. Some are police officers, lawyers, and a Assistant District Attorney. I was a Big Sister and Vice President of Big Sisters Association to help girls in greater Boston.

I hope you can understand how this has affected our family, our 93 year old mother's health when she read the papers, watched TV and see how her son's integrity and reputation has been ripped apart from this case. As a family I can say this is the toughest thing we have ever been through. We are asking you, Your Honor, to keep Dick McDonough with our mother and family, while his appeal is being processed through the court system. Thank you for your consideration and the work you do as a Judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia McDonough". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia McDonough,

Helen McDonough dictated (not signed.)

Richard A. McDonough

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Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

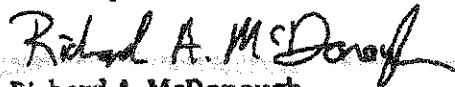
My father is a good man, who has been there for me my whole life. His generosity knows no bounds. He is a gracious supporter of all friends and family that have come to him for help over the years with various life issues. He is always willing to help those in need.

My dad has done a lot of great things for many groups and towns in Massachusetts as a lobbyist. He has been an advocate for groups that would otherwise not have a voice in state government. For the town of Walpole and its people he prevented the state from putting a toxic waste dump in their town that already has a major prison. He lobbied to save the jobs of the Mass. toll takers and did so successfully. He also lobbied on behalf of the State Nurses Association.

My father has always conducted and carried himself in a manner that has earned him great respect in the city of Boston. He still retains that respect as well as the love, support and trust of his close friends and family. I would hope that his history of good character among his friends, family and colleagues would prove sufficient to allow him to be free from jail while his appeal is pending.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I appreciate you taking my statements into consideration before your judgment.

Sincerely,


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August 4, 2011

The Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
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Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

I am an attorney engaged in the private practice of law. From 1981 to 1987 I served as an Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County. I also serve on the Board of Director at Scituate Federal Savings Bank and reside in Scituate, MA.

I welcome the opportunity to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Richard McDonough. Richard is my cousin so I have known him my whole life. Richard's father and my father were brothers. They had six siblings and most had large families. All families are close and from this, strong and loving lifelong relationships developed.

I consider our relationship very close. From an early age Richard has been an important influence in my life as he constantly provides friendship, encouragement and guidance. I am one of many who experience this from him. Richard is someone his many relatives and family admire, rely on, respect and love.

Some examples, of many, that demonstrate Richard's great qualities and character concern his love and commitment to his family. He was always the one to help and provide as well as be deeply involved in his parents and siblings lives. Over 30 years ago his father suffered from serious illness and subsequently passed away. Of all his sibling's, Richard dedication to his parents was exceptional as he took on the tasks of providing care and comfort as he continued his own responsibilities to his wife, children and work. His dedication was also crucial when his brother Paul became ill and passed on. His devotion to his family continues today as his mother is in her 90's and needs constant assistance and care. His other sibling's live great distances from their mother's home and are limited in the help they can provide. As such, Richard lovingly provides the main support and comfort. His immediate family is his priority as his son; step daughter, mother in-law and his wife Judith rely on him emotionally and financially.

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He demonstrated great love and affection to my parents before and during their illnesses and passing. He was particularly close to them and they took great comfort from his compassion and devotion. This was also true in his love and dedication to his other aunts, uncles and relatives.

On a constant basis over the years Richard and his wife have been dedicated to many wonderful causes and charities. I can attest to this as they often contact family, friends and my wife and i for our participation and help. They are also the first to assist in any interest or charity that I and my family are involved in.

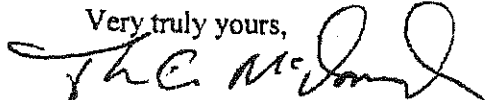
By his honesty, loyalty, affection and compassion Richard has earned the respect and love of his friends and colleagues. He is invaluable to family, relatives and friends.

To a high degree, Richard has demonstrated his obligations and responsibilities in life and is generous in his time and effort to make so many lives better. Richard has made a lasting impression upon many in our community as he is honest, dedicated, hard-working, and above all, generous, loyal and compassionate.

I do not know of any other person that so many people rely on for support, love and friendship.

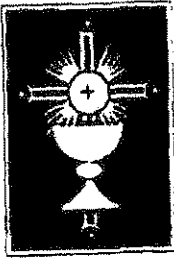
Thanking you for your attention and understanding, I remain

Very truly yours,



Thomas C. McDonough

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Re: Richard McDonough

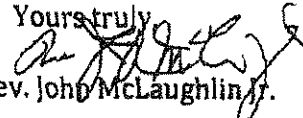
Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

My name is Rev. John R. McLaughlin Jr. and I am the chaplain at Boston University. I have known Richard for over ten years. I was the priest at his parish in Foxboro and I also performed his sacrament of marriage to Judith.

I want you to know that Richard was very instrumental in helping me set up our Lifeteen (program for teens) program at St. Mary's in Foxboro. He helped fund our new sound system at the church and also funded other areas of the program. He had a great concern for the youth.

I was able to get to know Richard while I set up his marriage. I watched how patient and caring he was with his step daughter. He was instrumental in helping her to overcome her personal problems. Richard seemed to be a very caring and compassionate person, always willing to lend a hand. I felt as a priest that I could always go to Richard for help in the parish.

I will be happy to furnish additional information if needed. I can be reached at Boston University, 211 Bay State Rd., Boston, Massachusetts, 02215.

Yours truly

Rev. John McLaughlin Jr.

August 1, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA 02210
RE: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

This letter is in reference to Dick and Judith McDonough. We met them about eight years ago while sitting on the dock in the Florida Keys watch our two boys jet ski. A conversation started only to find out we lived in Norfolk, MA right next to Foxboro where Dick and Judith live. We had lunch together and a wonderful afternoon talking about jobs and everything in general.

Less than a year later they were having furniture delivered, they needed a sliding glass door removed and reinstalled so they could get the furniture in. Dick remembered my business was home improvement (Norfolk Home Improvement) so he called and I went right down to help them. While I was there he noticed I was having problems with my knee so being the kind of person Dick is he had me put on a robe and gave me a special rub to help my knee. My wife came by a bit later and we enjoyed a nice afternoon with them.

Over the course of the next few years we have talked and e-mailed, we have kept up on each others lives and have had a wonderful friendship.

On October 11, 2010 the worst possible thing happened to us, our youngest son was in a car accident in Medway, MA and didn't make it. It was the worst time in our lives but Dick and Judith dropped everything to help us. Judith was by my wife's side helping her through, just being there to talk to, a hug, a car ride to get her away, it didn't matter they were there to help.

We found when your at the worst time in your life that's when you find the special people in your life. Dick and Judith are those special people, we thank God we met them, and we will be there for each other.

Sincerely,

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July 7, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

I had the pleasure of meeting Dick McDonough last October with his wife Judith at our High School reunion at St. Barnabas HS in the Bronx. I also had the pleasure of seeing him twice since then, once at their home in March.

I attended Catholic High School with his wife Judith; we were really close friends, and reconnected at our reunion last fall. Richard has been very kind, gracious and hospitable to me since then. When we first met it was as if we had known each other all along and I was instantly comfortable in his company.

When I visited their home in March, there was not one moment where I felt as though I was "just visiting my classmate and friend", but Richard and Arielle as well. It's lovely to see a family so interested in one another and connected to each other. Everyone was so loving, down-to-earth and upbeat-it was a very memorable weekend: filled with good food, laughter and good times. He is an excellent cook!

I have been a licensed massage therapist and corporate spa planner for the past 20 years and have had the privilege of brining spa services to celebrities and other notables in their homes. I found Richard to be hard working, dedicated, intelligent and humble.

I greatly admire Judith and Richard's relationship and appreciate what a cohesive and dynamic couple they are! There is a great energy of genuine love and respect and they are very inspiring. I look forward to spending more time with them.

Thank you for considering Richard McDonough for reduction in sentencing and keeping him out on bail pending his appeal and new trial. The impact that this situation has had on him and his family members has been very difficult.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine L. Pastore", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christine L. Pastore, LMT

August 5, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice, United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA 02210

RE: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

I have known Richard McDonough for 42 years.

I attended the University of Miami with Richard's brother James, and, upon graduation in 1969, I moved to Boston to start my business career. I became a senior executive in the Consumer Electronics Industry, most prominently known for my service as Executive Vice President at Maxell Corporation of North America and recognized for industry leadership while serving on the Board of Directors of the International Mass Retailers Association, the Consumer Electronics Leadership Council and the International Optical-Disc Association. I recall Richard as a hard working, hand's on, let's-get-it-done type of person with a kind heart. He was always trying to help people and fully enjoyed that role.

In 1975 I moved to NYC and kept in touch with Richard, but as time, business and life's countless priorities took precedence I began to lose track of Richard in the mid 1980's. I heard he was doing great but we had little contact.

In 2004 my son Julian was applying to Boston College. He had great grades-scores and his heart was set on BC. It was a very tough ticket. I called Richard and without hesitation he said, "I will help." Julian graduated from BC in 2009 with degrees in Economics and Hispanic Studies. We will forever be grateful to Richard. I can think of no better gesture or measure of a man than helping someone's child.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Donald J. Patrican

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Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston MA, 02210
Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

I am writing today to tell you about my friend Richard McDonough and to ask you to consider him as the person I know and not just as a defendant who stood in your court.

Dick has been a true and wonderful friend to my family and myself for many years. He is warm and funny and has an incredibly generous heart. He has always taken the time to make sure everyone around him has what they need before satisfying his own needs. Countless times he has opened up his home to us for holidays and special occasions rather than seeing friends alone for Christmas or Thanksgiving. He has been at our home many times and shared many Jewish holidays with us. Because of Dick we feel like we have an extended family here in Massachusetts.

I know collectively he has touched many people with his charm and humor and if you were in need of a champion, he would be the person I would want in my corner. When my son was injured in a car accident his world changed. Very few people were able to make him see the bright side of anything; Dick was. His marvelous stories about his childhood and his joy of life managed to coax a smile even from my son who was in pain almost every day.

I can depend on Dick to be there for us. I cannot say more than to tell you how highly I regard Dick's character and how impressive a friend he has been to us.

I respectfully ask that you take into account all of the man I know and reduce his sentence and allow him to stay with his family pending his appeal.

Thank you for your consideration,


Samuel Pellows

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
1 Court House Way
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: Richard McDonough

August 1, 2011

Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

I have known Dick McDonough for several years and consider him to a very dear friend. I have heard about the McDonough family for years as Dick's cousins lived across the street from my grandmother growing up and I now live across the street from his cousins. It truly is a small world! I believe I am in a position to speak to Dick McDonough's moral character, so I hope that you will take this letter into account when making your decision.

I first became acquainted with Dick through the many charity events he and his wife Judith were involved in raising money for as well as many other charity events he attended and supported. Dick is an intelligent, dependable, generous, kind, industrious, sympathetic and virtuous person. Dick values his family and friends and is a valued member of his community. He is a person I value and trust in my life.

Sincerely,

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July 14, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston MA, 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I am an attorney in good standing in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in Maine.

I am writing this letter to request that the Court consider leniency in connection with its sentencing of Mr. Richard McDonough. I have known Mr. McDonough for ten years. My husband Paul, who was formerly a partner at Brown, Rudnick in Boston, handled Mr. McDonough's divorce case from his first wife many years ago. At the conclusion of the case, they remained good friends and that is how I was introduced to him. Mr. McDonough and his second wife, Judith, have socialized with us in Massachusetts and at our cottage in Maine on many occasions. Having practiced divorce law for 30 years, I can attest to the fact that divorce lawyers generally do not want to socialize with their clients after the case is over! But it was different with Mr. McDonough.

Mr. McDonough has impressed me over the years with his qualities of kindness, generosity, and above all, respect for every one he comes in contact with. I can give you many

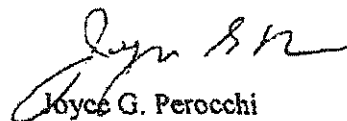
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examples, but one that I like to recall has to do with his teaching me how to dock our small boat. As you may have experienced, it is very difficult for a husband to teach his wife how to drive any vehicle, and my marriage is no different! My husband tried to teach me to dock that boat on many occasions, and I always ended up being a frustrated nervous wreck. Seeing the situation, Mr. McDonough took me out on the water one day, and in the space of an hour, due to his patience and thoughtful instructions, I was able to learn this skill. I have thought of that day, and of him, with fondness many times.

When Mr. McDonough married his present wife, Judith, she had a small daughter. Although he had no legal obligation to support this child in any way, he helped raise her and treated her as his own child. He provided financial support, encouragement, and excellent parental guidance. That young daughter is now a wonderful and successful college student, and I would credit Mr. McDonough as having contributed a large part to that result. He has a strong and loving marriage with Judith and is a caring and involved father to his children from his first marriage. His incarceration will have a huge and negative affect on many people from both within and outside of his immediate family circle.

For these reasons, I would respectfully request that the Court consider this request and be lenient in its sentencing. I understand that Mr. McDonough's attorneys have recommended that he file an appeal, and I would respectfully request that the Court consider allowing him to stay out of jail while the appeal is pending. I am more than happy to provide any additional information that might be of assistance to the Court.

Very truly yours,


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August 12, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston MA, 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I have known Richard McDonough for over 15 years. I first met him through Richie Egbert who referred him to me for representation on a personal matter.

Dick and I have been friends ever since. He is one of my closest friends. My children are friends with his stepdaughter Ariel and my wife is friends with his wife, Judith.

Dick has been selfless in his dealings with me and my family. He is charming, funny, and engaging. I do not know anybody who does not like him personally.

I will give you just one example of what I mean. He always thought that I did not dress up to my position. (I was a long-term partner at Brown Rudnick before going into practice with my wife in the suburbs). I received a call from him one afternoon asking me if I could meet him

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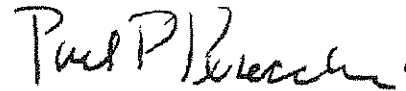
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at Filene's Basement in Newton. I did not know why he wanted to meet me there, but I told him I would. He was my friend and I thought he needed a favor from me. When I arrived he had 3 suits laid out in my size each with 3 matching shirts and 3 matching ties. Two hours later when we had finished my shopping I thanked him. He proceeded to tell me we should bring the suits to a tailor admonishing me that if I did not do it then I would never get around to it. He proceeded to drive me to the tailor where we got the suits properly tailored. We finished the exercise of buying and tailoring after about 5 hours.

I have told this story many times. Why? Because it is funny; because it is charming of him to take care of me that way; because it was unsolicited and because it was selfless of him.

I was and am proud to have Dick McDonough as a friend. Others should be so lucky. I do not want to lose his friendship through this legal process. I would request that the court exercise whatever leniency the law allows in sentencing him.

Very truly yours,



Paul P. Perocchi

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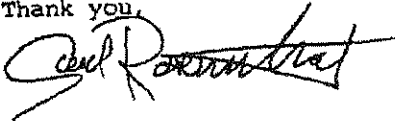
Rosenthal, Saul (DOT)

To: Honorable Mark L. Wolf; Chief Justice; US District Court of Massachusetts
Subject: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

I have known Dick McDonough for over forty years. I consider him to be a great friend who has always been there for me. Whenever a favor or a contribution to charity Dick obliges without hesitation. He is a great father, husband and an integral part to his wonderful family and the community. I wish to express my sincere hope for leniency on September 6th.

Thank you,



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August 1, 2011

The Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
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Boston, MA 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I am writing to inform the court about my cousin, Richard McDonough, and to share some thoughts and examples I've witnessed of this special man. Please know I have been so fortunate to be a part of a large, extended family. Having many cousins, it's understandable that some stand out more than others. In the case of "Dick", that's especially true. Dick has been generous and caring to many in our family. He was always a guy we younger cousins looked up to. Many cousins that needed good, fatherly advice, and didn't have it, would turn to Dick. He always took the time to listen, console and help out.

I have lived in Pittsburgh for 20+ years now. I regret that I don't see Dick as much as I would like, but he is close to my siblings who still reside in Massachusetts. After Dick's dad passed away, he spent a good bit of time with my Dad, his Uncle Tom. My Dad always thought a lot of Dick. There were times when I'd call home to talk with my parents who would tell me that "Dicky just stopped by....", or "Dicky and Judith just stopped in....". He was a considerate guy and his visits really enlightened my folks. And I was comforted to know my cousin cared enough to check in on his aunt and uncle several times each year.

At our family reunions, Dick was the best master of ceremonies, telling the best stories and jokes and remembering tales of our aunts, uncles, parents. No one can relay those stories about beloved family members better than Dick. In turn, it is with much sadness that I recall the loss of my cousin, Dick's younger brother, Paul. Paul was vacationing in Hawaii when he became very ill; too ill to be moved back to the continental US. So Dick made arrangements for himself and his sister Patty Ann to accompany their mother, Aunt Helen, to all be with Paul during his final few weeks. He made certain his mom, sister and other brothers were with Paul, too. And it was Dick who remained on the island, for the several weeks it took for Paul to pass.

What a loss it would be to our family to not have Dick close by for advice and comfort to many of us who are so fortunate to have him as a friend or doubly-grateful to have him as a friend and relative. He's a stand-up man with many good and caring qualities.

With much respect, I thank you for letting me present this to the court.

Sincerely,

Gail McDonough Schenone

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August 4, 2011

Janet McDonough Sheehan

Scituate, MA 02066

Honorable Mark L. Wolf, Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA 02210

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I appreciate the opportunity to write a letter on behalf of my cousin, Richard McDonough. I have been a Massachusetts educator for almost 30 years. I have served as an elementary school principal in the Cohasset Public Schools for the last 10 years and have recently accepted a new position as a principal in the Milton Public Schools. I have a husband and two daughters who also love, admire, and hold Richard in high regard.

Dick and I grew up together and were blessed to have been born into a large, close-knit, Irish Catholic family. Our grandparents emigrated from Ireland and settled in South Boston where they raised eight children, including our loving fathers and aunts and uncles, who passed along the values that have made us who we are.

Who is Richard McDonough? He possesses all of the qualities of a good man and lives his life in accordance with the values he was taught—work hard, take care of your family, worship God, help those in need, do unto others... One could also say that he lives his life in accordance with Abe Lincoln's advice: "Whatever you are, be a good one." Dick is a good husband and father. He is a good son, who is devoted to his 92 year old mother. He is a good brother and uncle. Dick is a good friend. Dick is a good cousin. He is a good worker who has built a successful business. He is kind, compassionate, honest, and generous. He has a sense of humor and a quick wit that endear him to all who meet him.

Since our parents, aunts, and uncles are all deceased, Dick has in many ways taken on the role of family patriarch—organizing family events and reunions and supporting family members through life's challenges and celebrations. While we are a family that knows how to have a good time, we are also a family that has learned how to do good for others. We all have our favorite causes, and we involve one another in fundraising efforts. Dick and his wife Judith have been active in a number of charitable organizations. One of these includes the Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses, which supports the education of underprivileged children. The losses of Dick's brother and my sister have led to additional fundraising efforts in their memory. For example, our family has raised over \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life. I am sharing this only to demonstrate that Dick is a good citizen who has shared his good fortune and given back to others.

Abe Lincoln also said, "Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing." Richard McDonough is the real thing. He is truly loved and respected by all who know him. He is a good man. He is a great man.

Thank you again for this opportunity, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet McDonough Sheehan

JOHN F. STASIEWSKI

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August 2, 2011

The Honorable Mark L. Wolf
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1 Court House Way
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Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I have known Dick McDonough both professionally and personally for over twenty years.

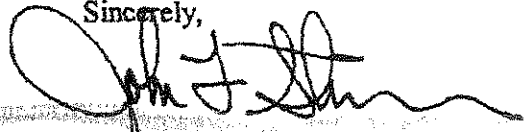
As President of the Beer Distributors of Massachusetts, I have worked with Dick on many industry issues over that time. Whether we were on the same side or opposing side of an issue, I have always found him to be honest, straightforward and a man of his word.

I also know that Dick is a good family man. He is devoted to his wife, Judith, and to his children. He and I have had numerous conversations about our children, and it is obvious to me that he is a very caring parent.

During the past several years my wife has had some very serious medical issues. Dick has been there with encouragement and support to help me get through this difficult period.

I hope this letter will provide you with a fuller view of Richard McDonough the man.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John F. Stasiowski', written over a horizontal line.

John F. Stasiowski

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA. 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Justice Wolf,


I have known Richard McDonough for over 25 years. I have seen him through the good times and sad times. I have seen the love that he has for his wife and children. I have witnessed firsthand the care that he provides for his elderly mother and elderly family friends. Richard is the rare individual who takes the time to brighten their lives whether it was a simple visit, a funny story, driving them to an appointment or arranging for a trip to the grocery store. Richard has always been there for them.

Richard is the glue that holds his large family together. Although they are scattered around the country he manages to stay in touch and makes a point to instill the importance of family. He is always the first to call in times of joy and times of sadness. He makes certain the his family stays connected. He is forever arranging a family gathering. He is truly cherished by his family and friends.

Richard generosity extends well beyond family lines. He is the first to respond to requests for assistance from friends, the community and numerous charities. He has spend countless hours raising funds for people in need. He is the type of person that never needs a thank you. The satisfaction of helping someone in need is has always been his true motivator.

Thank you for your consideration of Richard.

Sincerely



William B Stewart


Norwell, MA 02061

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston MA, 02210
Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

I have known Dick McDonough for over forty years and know him to be a loving husband, father, brother and son. He has demonstrated a friendship to me and my family unconditionally. His character is beyond reproach.

Dick provided professional assistance to my family without compensation on a matter that could have eliminated many jobs for hard working people of the Commonwealth. He has always been a hardworking professional whose family and friends came before personal gain.

Please take into consideration Dick's many good deeds when next appearing before you.

Sincerely,



Edward Torri

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Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
One Court House Way
Boston Ma., 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf;

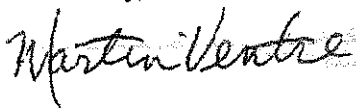
Hello, I would like to introduce myself. I am Martin Ventre, owner of Ventre Packing Company and an attorney in both California and New York, and I have known Dickie McDonough for almost fifty years. We met while I was in college in 1963 and I am intimate with his entire family including his parents and several cousins, aunts and uncles. Dickie has been a dear friend of mine ever since we met and our relationship developed back in those early days as I attended Suffolk Law School and we worked together in various jobs in some of the restaurants in Boston. We've maintained our friendship over the years and I have watched Dickie mature, become a parent and develop a fabulous career for himself and his family. We have spent much time together in each others homes and he knows my family and children intimately and I know his that way as well.

I have never known Dickie to be anything less than an honorable, trustworthy friend and he has been there for me through thick and thin. There has never been a time that if asked he wasn't there to lend a hand. He has been there for me through the toughest times of my life when I lost my parents and one of my daughters. He assisted and helped immensely as we started a Memorial in her honor and raised money for a cause she so loved.

Knowing Dickie as long as I have, I have only seen him conduct himself in an ethical and honest way and always giving of himself to many people in all walks of life. If Dickie is your friend, he can be counted on to always be there to lend his support. He has helped numerous people in many ways.

Please consider the good and giving actions that Dickie has shown throughout his life and the nearly fifty years I have known him when contemplating his fate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Martin Ventre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martin" being more prominent than the last name "Ventre".

Martin Ventre

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July 5, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston MA, 02210

RE: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I am a criminal defense attorney who represents indigent and private defendants and have been in practice for seventeen years. I was recently honored with the 2010 Neighborhood Legal Services Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award, which was presented to me at the Essex County Bar Association Annual Dinner. I also practice in the area of Social Security Disability. I tell you this in order to provide you with some context.

I have known Richard McDonough and his wife Judith socially for about 10 years. In that time, I have known Dick to be a caring and compassionate husband to Judith and a wonderful and supportive father to his stepdaughter, Ariel. I have seen his generosity towards Judith's mother and to her father when he was alive. I have known Dick to be charitable and kind. My daughter is an actress and Dick helped her along the way in her pursuit.

I think that he should remain free in order to continue the devotion, care and support of his family and friends with whom he has strong ties.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



M. JILL WAISBREN

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston MA, 02210
Re: Richard McDonough

July 10, 2011

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Richard McDonough since 1970, when he was introduced to me as the General Manager of Daisy Buchanan's Restaurant on Newbury Street, where we were about to open to the public, I in the role of day-bartender. Both Dick and I had earned college degrees, come from a middle class Irish-American background and were young and delighted to be a part of the burgeoning bar scene in Boston. I was committed to the owners of Daisy's, as was he, and we had many an opportunity to forge a partnership in the following four years, based on ethical decision-making. It is fair to say, in those days, common sense was all we had to depend upon, as rules and regulations were being shaped as we worked. I remember even today, the impact of Dick's integrity on my colleagues and myself: Dick thought things through and led us, righteously and compassionately.

Through the years, all my involvement with Dick has continued to be positive and heartening. Whether steering fellow Democrats into the hands of appropriate Boston vendors with whom to work for the National Convention, introducing and connecting the RIGHT people to get jobs done in philanthropy, civic community service, law, charities covering Boston neighborhoods, health, children, outreach in education, his name is always associated with doing-the-right-thing. His work ethic is remarkable.

The beloved friend of so many people, Dick has established himself with his friends, family and community as the go-to person for all manner of support. To his own detriment, sometimes, as the saying goes (re: the shirt off his back).

A fine human being, flawed as are we all, but full of hope and compassion, Dick is continuing to focus today on the needs of others, having faith that accomplishing this esteemable work will yield him peace. I am proud to endorse a powerful role model in Dick McDonough.

Sincerely,

Donna Wolfe

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July 8, 2001

To: The Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston MA, 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I have been a close friend of Dick McDonough's for more than 20 years. I was also fortunate enough to have known his entire, amazing, family, and had memorable times at their warm, beautiful family home in Scituate, where I was always made to feel more than welcome.

I have always known Dick to be a kind and supportive friend; willing to listen, and lend support with wit and compassion. Dick has an uncommon ability to lift my spirits, even in the most difficult situations. I know there are many more like me.

I have always known him to be a loving son, brother, husband and father and a willing supporter of more charities than can be mentioned.

Although we sometimes don't see each other as often as we would like, life being what it is, we always manage to talk and stay aware of each other. I am grateful that we have been able to keep our own, valuable friendship alive.

This is a difficult time for all concerned, and I believe Dick is certainly worthy of any consideration you may offer.

Sincerely,

Arnie Wolfson

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August 4, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
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Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Judge Wolf:

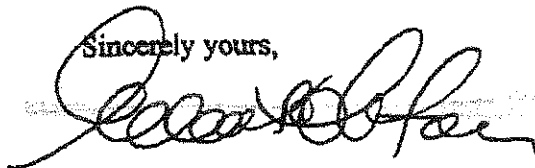
I write on behalf of Richard McDonough whose Wife, Judith, is a longtime client and now friend. Through Judith, I have come to know Dick McDonough, although we had been introduced earlier at various community functions. In the context of the work I have done for Judith, I have been able to observe Dick as they say, up close and personal. He has been remarkably supportive of his Wife's effort to have the Father of her only child, Dick's step daughter, live up to his contractually established financial obligations.

Dick has been financially supportive in that he stepped up where the biological Father had failed. In addition, he has been emotionally supportive of both the Wife and the step daughter. He has continually been wise in his counsel to them and always the bigger person, that is, someone able to rise above the understandable anger and emotions of watching your Wife and step daughter have to fight for contractually obligated support. His ongoing support, advice and counsel have been impressive.

From this perspective, I have seen Dick McDonough as a wise, compassionate, generous and caring person, particularly with reference to his obligations to his family. We all ask the court's fair consideration of these characteristics at this stage of the proceedings.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Margaret D. Xifaras
MDX/tlp

July 24, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, Ma 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf

I have known Dick McDonough and his wife Judith for two years. I own a restaurant in Boston called Da Vinci where we met. Since that time we have become very good friends and we have had opportunity to spend a lot of time together outside of the restaurant. Dick is a loving and devoted husband. He has a wonderful relationship with Judith, he treats her with an unbelievable respect and kindness and also he is a wonderful father to his step daughter Arielle. He is a real gentleman and always treats my employees at Da Vinci with incredible respect. I had a privilege to be presents at Dicks 60th birthday party that Judith organized and met a lot of Dicks friends and all the toast had a very common theme complementing Dick as a good and loyal friend, honorable and generous person.

If you should have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,



Wioletta Zywna



Frank and Carol Souza

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Middleboro, MA 02346
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July 11, 2011

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA 02210

Re: Richard McDonough

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

Dick McDonough has been our friend for almost fifteen years. We met through his wife, Judith, who has been my wife, Carol's, dearest friend for twenty years.

At the risk of sounding trite, there are not enough first-rate adjectives to effectively describe the man we know so well. He is unfailingly kind and helpful to everyone he meets and could write a book on the humanity he has shown to people if he were so inclined, which he is not. He puts people at ease with a humorous story, frequently at his own expense. Enormously bighearted and giving of his time and money, he has demonstrated his generosity on occasions too numerous to count, including charity auctions and fundraising events we have attended with him and Judith.

We have traveled together, and Dick and Judith have visited us at our home many times. They are the consummate guests---considerate and fun. Dick is fond of taking over in the kitchen and is a wonderful chef. As for entertaining in their home, he takes enormous pride in ensuring that his friends and guests are comfortable and leave having had wonderful food and company.

Dick's finest trait is loyalty, nearly to a fault. We partnered in a potential project, and, although the outcome was not what we had wished, I would never, ever, hesitate to trust him with my last dime.

This is the man we know and love.

Respectfully,

Frank Souza and Carol Souza

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August 26, 2011

BY HAND


Daniel Hohler, Deputy Clerk
United States District Court
U.S. Courthouse
One Courthouse Way, Suite 5110
Boston, MA 02210

Re: USA v. DiMasi, et al.,
USDC No. 09-10166

Dear Mr. Hohler:

Enclosed are forty-four (44) Letters of Support written on behalf of Salvatore F. DiMasi. Please bring these to the attention of Judge Wolf. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Thomas R. Kiley

Enclosures

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cc: S. Theodore Merritt, AUSA (By Hand)
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August 25, 2011

The Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf
Chief Judge
United States District Court
For the District of Massachusetts
One Courthouse Way
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Dear Chief Judge Wolf,

I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of former Speaker Salvatore DiMasi.

I first met Representative DiMasi in 1983 as he served as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and I was a Member of the Massachusetts Parole Board, appointed by Governor King. We worked together on a number of issues impacting the criminal justice system; but mostly on reform of the parole system and delivery of services for ex-offenders.

When I was Mayor of Springfield (1996-2004) Representative DiMasi was a major player behind the scenes for the citizens of my community. While he had no direct political interest in the day to day operations of my city, his involvement at the State House was critical and he always answered the call for assistance.

As you know, Springfield, like other urban areas, has a multitude of problems. Representative DiMasi was extremely helpful, along with the western Massachusetts legislative delegation, in assisting the City in areas of economic development; police grants; open space grants; education reform dollars; after school programs and other human service initiatives which directly impacted the quality of life of our citizens. In many cases, he was the person to whom I went to make things happen for the city. He asked for nothing in return.

For example: Representative DiMasi played a major role - in a very quiet fashion- in the appropriation of funding for the new Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and MassMutual Convention Center - approximately \$75 million of economic development funds creating hundreds of employment opportunities and changing the image of Springfield. There were no lobbyists or corporate bigwigs pushing the agenda - just Sal DiMasi offering a helping hand to a needy city.

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Perhaps his major contribution to the City, however was the saving of the Southwest Community Health Center. The Center, which serves thousands of low income citizens with their health care needs, was on the brink of financial collapse.

Representative DiMasi was instrumental in putting together a supplemental appropriation of nearly \$1 million - which essentially saved the agency - and allowed Southwest to continue its health care services to the most needy citizens in the community which continues to operate to this day.

Your Honor, the Sal DiMasi that I know is a man who cared deeply about the disadvantaged. He was always willing to assist for the benefit of the citizens of Springfield and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have been advised by some to expect retaliation for writing this letter of recommendation for Speaker DiMasi. I put that advice aside, however because the actions of this extraordinary public servant reveal the totality of the man; the values he espoused; and, his record of accomplishment, all of which are important for your consideration at sentencing.

Standing up for what is right and for those who are down is something of great value and something I learned a long time. I know Sal DiMasi shares those values. Now he is down and needs support from those he supported in the past. I offer that support for your informed consideration.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Albano

James A. Aloisi, Jr.
1180 Washington Street
Boston MA. 02118

25 August 2011

Chief Judge Mark Wolf
United States District Court
John Joseph Moakley Courthouse
One Courthouse Way
Boston MA 02210

Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

I've never written a letter regarding a proposed sentencing before, but I feel compelled to add my voice to those who find the requested sentencing of former Speaker Sal DiMasi to be inordinately harsh, not reflective of the kind of person Sal is, and lacking in consideration of the many good works and positive examples of principled leadership that marked his time in office.

I have known Sal DiMasi for close to two decades. Sal asked me to write his inaugural address when he became Speaker. I remember clearly, as we spoke about the content of the speech, how deeply focused he was on reminding himself that he came from humble beginnings, and that he would strive mightily to represent not just his district, but those who were chronically left behind by society – the poor, the elderly, and those who are disenfranchised as a result of race, sexual orientation or other factors.

I have thought about that experience often as I have observed the trial and its aftermath. I don't know anything about the facts and circumstances that were the subject of the recent trial, but here is what I do know: Sal DiMasi was a good Speaker, a thoughtful man, a progressive thinker, a man who had a deep commitment to improving the lives of people who all too often do not have a voice in the halls of our State House. That is why I believe he championed health care reform. That is why I believe he held firm on making marriage equality the law. That is why I believe he held firmly against a gaming bill – believing strongly, as I know he did, that gaming is nothing more than a tax on the poor and the middle class, simply another way to prey on those who have no access to power, no means to lobby legislators. People in Massachusetts are better off today, and their children will be better off in the future, because Sal DiMasi had the

commitment and the vision and the courage to stop gaming, and to enact health care reform and marriage equality.

The Sal DiMasi I know is therefore a man of principled, progressive values – a man who used his power and his influence to enact (and block) legislation so as to improve the lives of thousands of Massachusetts citizens. When I was State Transportation Secretary in 2009, I led an effort to raise the state gas tax as a way to increase revenues to support our aging transportation infrastructure. The gas tax increase would have enabled critical state-of-good repair work, and would have improved funding for public transportation throughout the state – an important mobility and social and economic justice issue. This was, as we all know, very unpopular politically, but Sal was prepared to support it with all the strength of his office. He would gain nothing but political pain from his support, but he understood that he was chosen to be Speaker to make tough decisions, to risk unpopularity, and to lead. I consider that kind of moral and political courage to be rare, but Sal had it in ample quantity.

Too often our public leaders are caricatured by a media more inclined to entertain than educate or inform. Particularly if a person is an Italo-American representing the North End, such caricatures can lead to unfair or false impressions. The Sal DiMasi I know is a gentle man, not a bully. He is a thoughtful and compassionate man, not self-centered or arrogant. He is a caring man, who can put himself in the shoes of those who need society's help because he has known deprivation, and struggle, and discrimination and fear in his own life.

The Sal DiMasi I know is a person who ought to have more to give – more to contribute – to society. A harsh sentence in this matter may satisfy some rigid notion of justice, but I am reminded of the wisdom of Shakespeare's Portia, that mercy is "an attribute to God himself/and earthly power doth then show likest God's /when mercy seasons justice."

If ever there was an occasion when mercy should season justice, it is this one. With respect, I would ask for your consideration that such wisdom ought to have a place in the sentencing decision you are about to make – taking the entirety of the man and his life and his public record into account.

Sincerely,



James A. Aloisi, Jr.

June 29, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Sal DiMasi for over fifteen years. His wife, Debbie is a life-long family friend of mine. Throughout the years, I have observed Sal as a husband, father, public servant, and friend.

As a husband, Sal has been devoted and kind; treating Debbie with respect and love. Following her recent diagnosis of stage four breast cancer, Sal stood by her through numerous appointments, difficult decisions, and surgeries. But mostly, Sal has shown complete devotion during Debbie's healing and recovery process, having her best intentions and well-being first and foremost in his mind.

Sal took on the role of father instantly when marrying Debbie. He has been incredibly supportive and encouraging to both his step children, Ashley and Christian.

I have witnessed him in his teachings and parenting skills. Sal has been present at family dinners, homework time, and at various sport activities. He provides encouragement and support with every task. Recently, Sal would wake up at 4:30AM each weekday in order to drive his son forty miles to get him to his part-time job.

Sal has given both children advice, comfort, and hope during the tragic and sudden losses of their uncle, cousin and three close school friends; and in his work Sal has given much time to suicide prevention, participating in fundraising walks, and supporting Debbie in her work and advocacy of the Samaritans organization. If Sal is sentenced to a term of imprisonment, Debbie and her children will lose the pillar of support that he represents, and the suicide prevention community will lose one of its most prominent voices.

As a public servant, I have known Sal as fair-minded, dedicated legislator. All these acts and qualities are typical and consistent of Sal's character. Sal devotes time and energy to people. Sal's time and energy to support gay rights is but one, typical example. As a legislator, Sal made sure more awareness, help, and services will be available for people dealing with mental illness and diseases, especially our returning veterans. Our returning veterans are at the forefront of his agenda.

I offer the following vignette regarding Sal as a public servant. In 2005, I was working for a company that manufactured early detection bladder cancer tests. I arranged for Sal to come to the office and listen to the research, development, and technology and the importance of testing of bladder cancer, especially in firefighters. Sal "did his homework," researched, and educated himself about the testing and results. He took a tour of the facility and listen to the researchers claim on the test. Shortly after, Sal helped to have a law passed to offer firefighters the test yearly to detect and prevent bladder cancer. No one paid him to do it; he did it because it was the right thing to do for those who put their lives on the line for us. I was so impressed by Sal's diligence and commitment to this cause.

On both professional and personal levels, I have the utmost respect for Sal DiMasi, his work for the Commonwealth, commitment to helping people; and his devotion and love to his family and friends.

His vision and integrity are what made Sal such a respected legislator and elevated him to the position of Speaker. It is his concern for others and his desire to help people that make him such a good man. Sal puts people first in all of the roles he plays. Please, exercise whatever discretion you have to ensure we can call on him again in all those roles.

Sincerely,



Nancy C. Andrew

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August 25, 2011

The Honorable Mark Wolf
Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

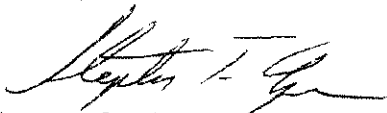
Dear sir:

I am writing you on behalf of Salvatore DiMasi. My relationship with Sal is primarily pastoral. As vicar of the Old North Church, I presided over the wedding of Sal and Debbie DiMasi ten years ago.

As Sal's pastor, I have come to know him as a kind and giving man who has done much for his community and his constituents. Despite his conviction in your court, Sal has much to commend him. That is a tragedy, both for Sal and for those of us who know and appreciate his good side.

I ask that you be lenient in your sentencing of Mr. DiMasi and take into account his years of community service and his advanced age. I pray that the sentence balance the desire for punishment with the possibility of redemption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen T. Ayres", with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. Stephen T. Ayres
Vicar, The Old North Church

Ruth B. Balser
36 Audubon Drive
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467

Honorable Mark L. Wolf
Chief Judge US District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA 02210

August 25, 2011

Re: Salvatore F. DiMasi

When Salvatore F. DiMasi was the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, his efforts resulted in important improvements in the lives of the many individuals in Massachusetts who live with the challenges of mental illness and addictions. I am a clinical psychologist who became a legislator, and have focused much of my legislative work on mental health public policy. I recognize and value what Speaker DiMasi's leadership meant for the mentally ill and those who struggle with addictions and would like to share this information in order to assist you as you attempt to develop a more complete picture of this individual.

Historically, mental illness and substance abuse received short shrift from public policy makers. On the day that Salvatore DiMasi was elected Speaker, he addressed the House. Announcing his priorities, he asserted that there would be a new focus on mental health, and that those who suffer from mental illness would no longer be forgotten. Working with the then-Senate President, he re-organized the legislative committee structure and established a new Joint Committee of the Legislature - the Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. The creation of that committee was historic, and I believe unique for a state legislature anywhere in the United States. It represented a deep commitment to address the needs of this very vulnerable population.

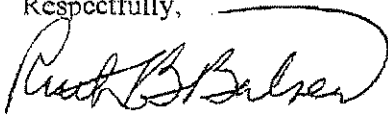
The Speaker appointed me the first House Chair of that committee, and so we worked together for several years to fight the stigma those with these illnesses face, and to improve and expand the system of care for them. I was always impressed with his willingness to listen and learn about areas of public policy with which he was less familiar, his willingness to support meaningful change, and his willingness to stand up against powerful pressures in order to do the right thing for people who are extremely vulnerable.

When Massachusetts leaders began to tackle the problem of providing universal access to health care, different approaches emerged. Governor Romney filed a bill that would have allowed new health plans created by the law to be exempt from all state mandates. In other words, the requirements previously passed in Massachusetts ensuring mental health and substance abuse coverage would be eliminated. The Senate released its version with the same provision. When it was time for the House bill to be debated, I called this problem to the Speaker's attention. He immediately agreed that there was no point to providing everyone with insurance if the insurance didn't cover the needs the people had, especially this very vulnerable group. With his leadership, the House stood up to the Senate and the Governor, who eventually adopted our view.

When Salvatore DiMasi was Speaker, I filed two important bills. One was a mental health parity bill that would expand insurance coverage to many who suffer from psychological disorders who were not covered by the earlier mandate. The other was a children's mental health bill that was an ambitious bill to dramatically improve and coordinate the care of children with mental illnesses. No one thought these bills would pass quickly. Typically it could take years, even decades, to achieve improvements for the mentally ill. No one thought two important mental health bills could pass the same session. When Speaker DiMasi supported both initiatives, the insurance industry balked. Representatives of the insurance industry appealed to the Speaker to water down the legislation. In my experience, there is no more influential lobby on Beacon Hill than the insurance industry, yet after listening to their arguments, the Speaker informed them that he believed that mentally ill and addicted people needed and deserved these improvements, and he would support the bills as passed by the committee.

I am not an attorney. I did not sit in on the trial. I have no comments about the facts of the case or the verdict. It is my understanding that when sentencing is considered, the Judge attempts to get a comprehensive picture of the individual. I hope that my statement assists you in your considerations.

Respectfully,



Ruth B. Balser

To who it may concern:

We have know Sal Dimasi for approximately 10 years. Our experiences with Sal have been nothing but pleasurable. He has been a role model in so many ways, sitting in our kitchen talking of his aspirations both as a politician and step father. Sal has spent a lot of time with our youngest daughter Abbey, he treated her as a member of his family. He has been generous with his time including her in so many family events.

We find Sal to be a straight shooter, refreshing in so many ways. Our families have been through so much through out these years, we know that if we needed him he would have our backs!

We wish nothing but the best for Sal and his family!

Sincerely,

Marla and David Bergman
Abbey Bergman

August 2, 2011

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RE: Salvatore F. DiMasi

Dear Chief Justice Wolf,

We have always felt compelled to tell someone of the Sal DiMasi that we know. It is hard for our family to hear and read things being said about him in the media. It is not the Sal we know!

We have known Sal for many years and have always been impressed by his kind and gentle spirit. He is so supportive of our family... all with absolutely nothing to gain.

We are always so impressed by his interest in everyone, his kindness, and his loving way, especially with our children and grandchildren. While you always feel his presence because of the high positions that he held, the most impressive thing about him is his wonderfully down to earth manner.

We know Sal to be an honest, caring man, always taking the time with everyone he comes in contact. He leaves everyone with the impression that he really cares.

Sal has done so much for people over the years. To be defined by such a controversial issue certainly seems less than fair. The man, Sal DiMasi, that we know should be given consideration for all the good he has done for his own community and anyone in need. He simply loves and cares about people.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on Sal's behalf. We know there is not much one can do, but to never express our strong feelings about his character, would be very hard for our family to bare.

Sincerely,
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RE: Salvatore F. DiMasi

Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

I came before you as a witness in the DiMasi trial, but the manner in which I was examined did not allow me to attest to the character of the man you will sentence on September 8.

I met Salvatore DiMasi when I was 18 years old, worked for him for many years and know him extremely well. I take this opportunity to try to tell you things that would matter to me if I had the burden you face. At the time we met, Salvatore DiMasi was an Assistant District Attorney and was the prosecutor on a case that involved mayhem against several local college athletes. I watched him prepare for this case, which was very important to him not only because it was one that could make his career, but because the facts of this case were so horrific that he wanted to be certain he got it right. That is one of my first memories of Mr. DiMasi; someone who is passionate about helping those in need and offering hope to those who believe all is lost. It is a characteristic which typified him throughout the years we worked together.

Please, do not misunderstand me. I do not believe he is or was a perfect human being. There were things I did not immediately like about him. He was then full of himself and a bit boastful. When I got mad at him over the years we worked together – and I Did – those traits came to the fore. However, the more I got to know him, the more I realized that these were coping mechanisms. They covered his insecurities of coming from what was then a not so popular neighborhood of Boston. It was poor, segregated and not forgiving to those who sought change. Boston's North End of the '70s was not the North End of recent years. It had only a handful of restaurants, and visitors who ventured in came early in the day to walk the Freedom Trail or to take a turn through the local feasts that were being made popular by Mayor Kevin White as part of his "Summer Thing" program.

Mr. DiMasi was very mindful of what being from the North End meant at that time, and like me and others wanted to break free of the stereotype that perpetuated the belief that we were all illiterate and spoke like characters from the movie, "Rocky." I know he was proud of what he and his brothers were able to accomplish, having grown up under this

cloud of disparagement. But, I saw his superficial pride slip away whenever someone needed help, and I saw it replaced with true concern and compassion. Examples abound.

Often, even before he was elected to the Legislature, Mr. DiMasi would take time to sit with the elderly who were being displaced and listen attentively as they sought help because they were being evicted by their new absentee landlords. Gentrification was rampant in the North End in the mid- to late-seventies and many of our elderly, mostly women, were finding they couldn't afford the increased rents for the homes where they had raised children, cared for parents, fed and nurtured extended family, built a life, and hoped to live out their remaining years.

He was always gentle with these truly distressed people and spent many hours trying to find a way to help them. Eventually, two elderly housing facilities were developed on the waterfront. As a member of the local Knights of Columbus, Mr. DiMasi was instrumental in working on plans that led to the building of one of these facilities. He did what he could to assist those being evicted or priced out of their homes to find housing in these facilities because he knew they hadn't anywhere else to go, at least anywhere that would feel like home.

I witnessed many similar actions by Mr. DiMasi both before and after his election to office. When he was first elected, and I began working for him as his legislative aide, the district he represented covered a vast expanse of Boston. It began at his base in the North End and traveled across downtown Boston, the South End and Cathedral Projects, through Orchard Park Projects, and ended near St. Patrick's Church at the corner of Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury. Although most of the population, especially the voting population, lived in the North End, he attended to the needs of those living in all parts of the district, and he did so without favoritism for one over the other.

Representing such a diverse ethnic and socio-economic district, Mr. DiMasi had to learn how to serve the needs of a wide variety of people. He did so enthusiastically and persevered when, on occasion, the needs of one part of the district competed with the needs of another. Again, he would listen attentively, and would try to find common ground, working toward the best solution for each community.

He worked with the Cape Verdean population near Orchard Park to help them gain acceptance from their neighbors; he attended weekly neighborhood crime watch meetings offering advice as a former ADA to help the then evolving South End deal with the burgeoning crime with which it was being plagued; and he made certain the voices of residents in new facilities in downtown Boston such as Mason Place and the Stearns Building did not fall on deaf ears when they were in need of city services. The residents of these facilities did not have a community to back them up, but Mr. DiMasi refused to have them ignored. He worked tirelessly with residents until they were recognized and heard. He did the same for the Leather District as its residential community grew, and for what was left of the old West End.

I remember a food drive being held by a group of residents from Blue Hill Avenue for neighbors who had lost their homes. Mr. DiMasi got a call from a resident who said the drive was not going well. He told the woman not to worry because he would find help. Unfortunately, at that time there were not a lot of funds available at either the local or state level for something of this nature. Local businesses were tapped out and businesses from other areas were not willing to step up. So when nothing seemed to be working, Mr. DiMasi took his own money and we went shopping at Haymarket for fresh fruit and vegetables. We delivered boxes filled with our purchases to the woman who had called. It wasn't enough to keep the families going for very long, but it gave them something more than food – it gave them hope, and the knowledge that someone cared. I believe the hope they received and care they experienced was most important, and I'm sure Mr. DiMasi knew it.

Over the span of thirty years there are many similar stories that exemplify his caring and dedication for providing for those in need. As Mr. DiMasi progressed in the Legislature there are also examples of how he helped many beyond his district.

In relaying the next issue, I must once again put in perspective what being from the North End meant at the time. One of the first positions he took that demonstrated his willingness to stick out his neck for others happened early in his career. If memory serves me correctly, the Legislature was debating discrimination in the work place based on one's sexual orientation. At the time, Mr. DiMasi was a man in his early thirties from a community where machismo was expected of their sons and the views of the Roman Catholic Church were prevalent. He was still remembered as a community and high school football hero. Rights that were denied because of one's sexual orientation was not an issue the majority of his voters cared to think about, let alone want their state representative getting involved with; but, get involved he did. A small portion of his district was impacted greatly by the issue. Although the voters affected or interested were few, he learned that the injustice they faced was significant. Once again, he listened attentively, and recognized a wrong that needed to be made right.

Against the advice of some supporters, Mr. DiMasi got involved and fought for the rights of those who were being discriminated against because of their sexual orientation. He not only fought, he fought hard. He took a very public stand both on the floor of the House and at local meetings. He heard from those who suffered and came to understand the pain and isolation it caused. He knew that because of how he was viewed and how a major portion of his district was viewed his was a voice that could make a difference. He championed this cause, as he had others throughout his career, speaking for those from whom the majority did not want to hear.

While Majority Leader of the House of Representative Mr. DiMasi broke rank with the Speaker and other House leadership to help coordinate the fight for Marriage Equality. Again, he stuck his neck out for those he thought needed a strong voice from an unlikely champion. Against the wishes of leadership, he helped spearhead the effort to pass a Constitutional Amendment that would allow same sex marriage in Massachusetts. He and other supporters were not immediately successful, but their example helped further

the cause, inspired hope, and moved others to examine their conscience and find the strength to help them take, what for some was, a difficult vote.

There were numerous other issues that Mr. DiMasi was unafraid to speak out for, which were not popular with the majority of his House colleagues, the voters in his district, or voters across the Commonwealth. One such issue, which is still pending, is legislation that would allow in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants. His support and the support of some of his colleagues was not enough to combat the hysteria drummed up by scaremongers against this issue. Although his advice to supporters was to postpone debate until more votes could be gained, he did not abandon them. Instead he stood with them on the vote, when it was highly unpopular and fated for significant defeat, and could have generated opposition against him within his district.

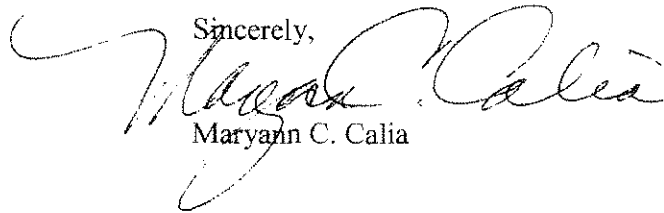
Another time when Mr. DiMasi demonstrated his dedication to what he believed right was his very public stand against gaming in Massachusetts. This was one of the most difficult issues he'd fought against in his career. While strongly opposing the Governor's proposal to allow three casinos to operate in the Commonwealth, he was reviled in the media, by colleagues, the Governor, unions, and a number of voters in his district. Threats were made against him and his family. One example, a threatening letter, was most troubling. It was brought to the attention of the state police and resulted in protection for him and his family. There were several times he almost gave in, feeling the damage his position was causing his career and family was more than it was worth. But, while growing up he'd witnessed how numerous families had been harmed when their providers were in the grips of gambling. He did not desert his beliefs and because of this the victims of those lured by the false promises of gaming still have hope.

One other very public effort of Mr. DiMasi's was his work on and support for the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Act. Unlike most lawmakers who work on certain proposals, Mr. DiMasi became familiar with every aspect of this issue. He threw himself into the work and became an expert in the delivery of medical services, the funding afforded for them by the federal government, the hospitals that provide care, and more. He acquired the knowledge needed to develop a plan that would not only meet the needs of those most deprived, but one that would ultimately succeed through the legislative process and be sustained once enacted. The length and intensity of negotiation that transpired was overwhelming. It occupied his attention most days; days that involved more than thirteen hours of work; work weeks that did not include the respite of weekends, and hours upon hours of review and discussion with staff and experts both in Massachusetts and across the country. His dedication to this cause was all consuming, and it arose from what I witnessed in him over 30 years ago, his concern for those less fortunate, those in need of hope and care.

Mr. DiMasi is not a perfect human being, none of us are. Unlike most, however, he is one who has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many. I've only scratched the surface of his noteworthy accomplishments. He has given much of himself to the residents of his former district and to the residents of Massachusetts. I ask you to consider this, and to take from the few examples I've offered the true measure of this

man. I hope that through them you will come to know who he really is and not see him as the person some describe as one who flew too close to the sun.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maryann C. Calia". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Maryann C. Calia

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Re: Salvatore F. DiMasi

Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

I have been privileged to call Sal DiMasi my friend since a group of mutual friends introduced us some thirty years ago and suggested I manage his first campaign for State Representative. He lost that race, and I never hear the end of that. There are countless stories to tell about Sal's character and commitment to helping people, especially his constituents, and I have been doing that for him throughout the years. However, I would like to tell a story about his work ethic that made a profound impression on me.

When Sal was first elected, the city of Boston was undergoing significant financial difficulties. A major piece of legislation was filed to address these issues and the city and House leadership were pushing to have it adopted without significant debate. What they had not counted upon, however, is the work that Sal did to both study this legislation and rally several of his colleagues to understand its provisions. During this period, I would visit with Sal in his office many nights where he would go line-by-line through the long, complicated piece of legislation, identifying sections that needed to be excised in order to better protect the citizens of the city. His efforts impressed everyone involved in the process and resulted in significant changes to the legislation.

What did I learn? I was a young guy who had spent my early career in the rough and tumble of electoral politics. This was my introduction to the hard work of public policy where I could see the tangible results that came from Sal doing his homework and truly understanding the potential consequences, both intended and unintended, in the drafting of crucial legislation. We would all like to think that every legislator makes the same effort to understand the legislation that comes out of the State House, but I think I can credibly say, after nearly forty years in the business, that few undertake the kind of

effort that Sal undertook on critical piece of legislation after critical piece of legislation, particularly since it put him at odds with House leadership.

Fast forward thirty years, and my friend Sal, who had built his career in the legislature quietly doing his homework to understand the legislative product and the people who were called upon to make the votes that produced that product, was still at it. This time, it was the universal health care legislation. Once again, Sal was involved in the drafting and understanding of virtually every line and making sure he and others understood them. During this time, I was in contact with the many the health care executives who I had come to know over my years of work. Without exception, they were incredibly impressed with the depth of the grasp of the complicated health care system that Sal demonstrated to them as they met with him. I was proud of my friend, and always took the opportunity to tell the story of his first days in the legislature and the way he approached every major issue. There is no doubt that the many citizens of the Commonwealth benefitted from his personal hard work over a thirty-two year span of legislative service.

I cannot tell you that Sal scrutinized the motives of others as he scrutinized the legislation that was before him. I can tell you he always strived to make that legislation work and I sincerely believe his interest in the software Cognos provided was based on a belief it would work for the people of the Commonwealth. I hope you will take a picture of the total man that is Sal DiMasi into account as you make the difficult decision before you and that you will also weigh his sincerity, even with respect to the matters that bring him before you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William A. Carito". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

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RE: Salvatore DiMasi

Dear Chief Judge Wolf,

Please accept this letter as you consider a condign sentence to impose on Salvatore DiMasi. I am not a personal friend of Mr. DiMasi, not have I had any professional dealings with him during his tenure in the House of Representatives. However, I did have many occasions to interact with him in his role as a lawyer, and would like to share my observations of him during this period. I have submitted this letter to counsel for Attorney DiMasi, neither of whom requested that I prepare it.

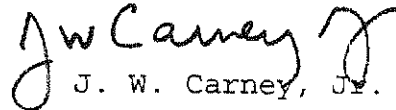
I was a full-time state public defender in Boston for five years, and then a county prosecutor for the next five years. Attorney DiMasi frequently appeared in the Boston Municipal Court representing clients in criminal cases. I can attest that he was an excellent attorney, who always was well-prepared, knowledgeable about the facts and law of the case, and articulate in his presentations. When I dealt with him as a prosecutor, I can report that his ethics were always of the highest order. My colleagues and I could accept his representations without question because they had been proven to be accurate in every instance.

A hallmark of Attorney DiMasi's practice was how he interacted with his clients. It was clear that many were indigent or close to it, and he was not representing them by court appointment. He was a lawyer who sincerely believed in helping people, and I often saw his clients and their families emotionally giving their thanks to him outside the courtroom after the resolution of a case. It was not unusual for the encounter to end with the family promising to pay Attorney DiMasi, and his replying in a warm way, "Do what you can, don't worry about it."

I believe that it was this commitment to assisting people that led to his decades of government service. I respectfully submit that Attorney DiMasi's true character is reflected in the hundreds of selfless acts that he did for people throughout his career, and that this generosity on his part should not be minimized at the time of sentencing.

Thank you, Your Honor, for considering my views.

Yours sincerely,


J. W. Carney, Jr.

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