

The Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf
Chief Justice, U.S. District Court
District of Massachusetts
1 Courthouse Way
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Dear Chief Justice Wolf:

Your honor, I write you this note on behalf of Sal DiMasi as a concerned citizen but most notably as a Father, Grandfather, and a member of the Needham Massachusetts community. From what I read in the paper, the prosecution team negatively portrayed Mr. DiMasi's maintaining a home in Needham, but there are nothing but positives that I can cite from his doing so. Our community has been positively impacted by his leadership, and his compassion toward our youth as they faced major crisis at such a early impressionable age ; Simply put Sal DiMasi was there front and center for our kids over the last decade and for our community as they faced an onslaught of tragedy involving the lives and deaths of our teens. Even today as he faces his own challenges as a public servant, he continues to focus and make a difference on significant issues facing our children and our community. It is both refreshing and enlightening to see the good a public servant can have on community and Family values. His impact on our communities suicide prevention coalition speaks volume for his commitment to making a difference and tackling difficult mental health and emotional issues facing our Children.

I have seen Sal DiMasi embrace our community over the years. I have seen his passion and commitment to serve the people, I have seen him stand tall for and against complex issues and bridge consensus for a common good.

I am not an advocate one way or another to the issues that played out in the courtroom. I don't have strong political views on either side of the aisle. What I am is a strong supporter for someone who has done so much good, someone who has led major legislation for the common good. Someone taking on positions because they are right even though not politically correct. Someone that is an amazing Family man and someone who truly cares about the next generation. What I know is that when looking at Sal DiMasi legacy we need to also focus on the significant positive impact He has had on this State over the years. He is a man who is committed to make a difference in the future. I hope that we allow him that freedom.

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The Honorable Mark L. Wolf
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Dear Judge Wolf:

I have been a lawyer for thirty-five years but I have never borne the burden of a federal sentencing process. I do not envy you or the lawyers who will argue before you the tasks you face on September 8. I do have thoughts that may be relevant to your consideration, however.

I served as House Counsel under five Speakers between 1986 and July, 2009. During that time, I have witnessed a sea change in the state laws relating to lobbying and conflicts of interest. Try as they might to stay ahead of the reform wave, many well-intentioned legislators have found themselves caught in the scope. Many of them wash up on my doorstep and I have found that their mis-steps are seldom caused by malevolence. Often they are caused by a lack of attention to this wave. I don't believe either to be the case with respect to former Speaker DiMasi.

Sal DiMasi has always paid attention to the laws which regulate lawmakers and the law making process. He has a greater facility with the nuances of the laws than almost any other representative with whom I have dealt over the years. He was a lawyer-legislator in the true sense of the phrase – a lawyer first who asked lawyer's questions about the legislative process. He paid attention to the letter of the law throughout his career and until the Cognos issue arose during his second term as Speaker, never fell on the wrong side of the law.

I am aware that upon becoming Speaker, Sal DiMasi decided to adjust the law practice that had previously meant so much to him. I was privy to discussions which led to his selection of the "three wise men" who gave him advice as to how to do that – advice to be layered upon the advice I gave him as House Counsel and the advice he got from the private lawyer at Cosgrove, Eisenberg & Kiley, a firm which I have relied over the years. I made suggestions concerning the composition of that group and was pleased at the mix of backgrounds this trio brought to the table. Selecting a former Speaker and

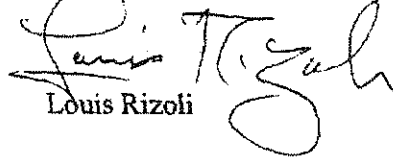
Attorney General, the dean of a law school and the former Bar Counsel seemed to me to touch all the bases. The effect was laudable and the intent commendable even if the result failed. I wish one of us had had the follow through to see how our advice was being implemented, but we did not.

The insight I offer to you is that Sal suffered from too much advice, not too little. By focusing on the minutiae, he left himself open to missing the big picture. And that big picture, we all learned during the trial process, was his susceptibility to manipulation by business interests invoking his name and power to promote their own financial gain. That is tragic, not damning.

I have another personal observation that may warrant your consideration as you try to understand the man you are about to sentence. Sal and I share our Italian heritage and a smiling, jocular style, but we work hard when people are not watching to make sure that we know the serious business behind the laugh lines. He cared deeply about people and issues. When he took on a cause, whether it was universal health care, gay rights or yes, educational software tools, it was from the heart but with the brain fully engaged. The Commonwealth was served by Salvatore F. DiMasi for more than thirty years, not victimized by him.

Please consider these observations and insights as you face the unenviable sentencing task before you.

Very truly yours, ~


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August 18, 2011

Hon. Mark L. Wolf
Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, MA

RE: *Sal DiMasi*

Dear Judge Wolf,

I have known Sal DiMasi (hereinafter "Sal") for almost forty years, beginning when we were on opposite sides of criminal advocacy, he a young ADA and I a young Mass. Defender, and continuing through his distinguished career, first for a few years doing some criminal defense, and especially in the legislature. We have never been personal friends, never socialized together, and I do not know his family.

Throughout those years, I believe I got to know Sal well, and I have always seen him as not just fair and honest, but as a dedicated public servant. In the 1970's, we had several cases against each other, but I don't recall any trials, not that I can rule that out. I also soon began supervising younger full-time public defenders doing "vertical" representation, felony cases starting in (state) district courts and staying with them into Superior Court, and eventually supervising nine other defense lawyers in a Boston Municipal Court vertical team, where Sal often appeared, even when a young legislator.

In those capacities, including discussing cases with all my subordinates and colleagues, as we did endlessly, I had inordinate opportunity to learn the reputation of almost all the lawyers – on both sides – in the Boston criminal courts, a relatively small sub-set to begin with. Almost all regular practitioners had – earned – reputations, from (many) very bad to (many) very good. Unlike the far larger civil litigation bar, which I have now experienced for almost two decades, the frequent criminal litigators know each other well in each county, where "what goes around comes around" brings out everyone's character – indeed caricature – with great clarity.

In sum, and also being myself a confirmed cynic, I did not lightly form my firm opinion that Sal as a lawyer was fair, honest, and dedicated. As the years went by, however, I got to know him even better as a legislator. More than almost any defense lawyer for now three decades, I have engaged in legislative advocacy – against abolition of trial *de novo*, against the death penalty, for less Draconian sentencing procedures, etc. I have also worked within and with many bar-related organizations. Not only have I had extensive personal contact with Sal, but his name came up in innumerable conversations with other activists.

Once again, among my colleagues as well as many other legislators I worked with, he earned clear-cut and widespread reputations not just for fairness, honesty, and dedication, but also for a refreshing and all too rare vision balancing both concern for public safety and

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compassion for crime victims, as well as appreciation for the constitutional priorities of our state's and nation's Founders.

In short, he was in the distinct minority of legislators who not only understood criminal justice issues, but could – and often did – discuss them intelligently and even-handedly, never with simplistic sloganeering or pseudo-solutions. He was not just a good legislator, he was a great one, a true “*mensch*.”

I did not see the trial as you did. nonetheless, as someone with a career of representing accused criminals, and lately lawyers on BBO cases, I have been a student, hopefully an expert, on the notions of “retribution,” “just desserts,” and “punishment” – and the great difficulty of making punishment both appropriate for “deterrence” and proportionate to individual culpability, including an assessment of each person as an individual. The seriousness of Sal's misconduct as found by the jury, aside from still seeming somewhat murky until the “honest services” law is further clarified, is not for me to say.

However, except for murder, under no theory of punishment should such an isolated misdeed annul almost four decades not just of an unblemished record, but of downright outstanding public service for the citizens of our Commonwealth. I know it is presumptuous for me to offer you any insight as to criminal sentencing and the ubiquitous conundrum as to what is “deserved,” and I vividly recall your comments on sentencing Mr. Sampson; but I nonetheless offer the following from one of my law professors:

[I]f the utilitarian calculus yielded a clear answer, it might be justifiable to ignore the issue of moral blameworthiness or *culpability*, ... the limiting doctrines of the criminal law. But it does not, and we cannot. ... A criminal law system cannot attract and retain the respect of its most important constituents -- the habitually law-abiding -- unless it is seen to be fair. ... The underlying principle of retributive punishment...would dictate that punishments be commensurate with the *degree of culpability*. ... The criminal law is at once prime guarantor and prime threatener of human freedom. Used providently and humanely it is guarantor; used indiscriminately and coercively, it is threatener. The tensions that inhere in the criminal sanction can never be wholly resolved in favor of guaranty and against threat. But we can begin to try. (emphasis added)

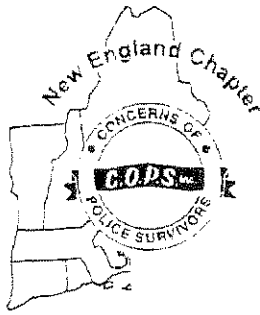
Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,
Martin Rosenthal

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Professor Herbert Packer, *The Limits of the Criminal Sanction* (Stanford U., 1968), pp. 64-65, 69, 140, 366, final ¶]. See also “the punishment should fit the offender and not merely the crime.” *Williams v. New York*, 337 U.S. 241, 247 (1949); and Prof. Norval Morris, *The Future of Imprisonment* (U. of Chicago, 1974), @ 75-76:

Punishment in excess of what is felt by the community to be the maximum suffering justly related to the harm ... inflicted is, to the extent of that excess, a punishment of the ‘innocent.’ ... [T]he concept of ‘desert’ remains an essential limit between crime and punishment. Punishment in excess of what is seen by society at that time as a deserved punishment is tyranny.



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The Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf
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RE: Salvatore F. DiMasi

Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

For over 12 years I have had the pleasure of working with Sal DiMasi in conjunction with the Harold I. Vitale Memorial Foundation and the New England Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors.

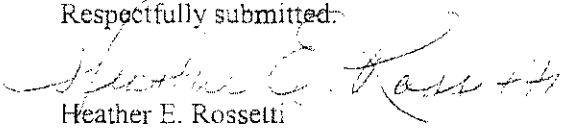
Sal has been the driving force behind the fundraising efforts that have secured the funds necessary to allow our chapter to hold an annual Christmas party for over 150 children and almost as many adults.

Sal, I am sure, is not fully aware of the impact he has had on these children. For more than a decade he has funded our chapter's Christmas Party allowing our "Kids" to meet at a secure, relaxed location. Allowing them to meet with each other and form the bonds necessary to heal. Today these children are now married; some police officers and some are with elite forces of our military. Still, so many of our "Kids" have yet to heal and they look forward to this Christmas party every year. We could not continue this event if it were not for Sal.

I can say with all honesty that Sal DiMasi has changed the lives of over 150 children, not to mention the lives of countless adults, myself included. I consider Sal to be a friend and a man devoted to the families of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty.

It is with great respect and humility that I write this letter for my friend. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any additional information. I may be reached at 617-861-1327.

Respectfully submitted,


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President

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of my friend and colleague of over thirty years, the Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi.

It is my understanding that the prosecution has made a sentencing recommendation based on a snapshot of Mr. DiMasi's public career. As a Boston delegation colleague for over three decades, I witnessed first hand how Sal DiMasi's positive leadership role for many worthy causes has benefited so many people for generations to come. As such, I welcome the opportunity to shed light on a broader spectrum and period of public service in which Sal DiMasi so effectively advocated for those who could not speak for themselves.

I could speak of the much publicized progress he made on behalf of equality for gays and lesbians, his efforts on environmental issues that continue to promote cleaner and renewable energy, and his work on statewide healthcare coverage for all our citizens – rich, poor, young, old – which then became the model for universal health care. All of these efforts brought him national recognition and praise. I wish to focus instead on Sal's contribution to a less glamorous constituency -- the plight of the mentally ill and developmentally disabled.

Sal DiMasi dedicated his time and talents to a forgotten sector of our society that had previously and wrongly been underserved. By creating the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, he ensured and demanded that we as a society fulfill our obligation to care for those who, through no fault of their own, are unable to care for themselves. Mr. DiMasi undertook this work with no fanfare. As a result of his compassion and persistence, more funds have been devoted to mental health than ever before including, but not limited to, suicide prevention programs, St. Francis House, and the Pine Street Inn, which collectively service thousands of homeless and mentally ill people every day.

An often stigmatized and ostracized population has more hope, dignity and opportunity today and for many years to come because of Sal DiMasi.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that you consider this snapshot of Sal DiMasi's public service as you undertake your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Angelo M. Scaccia

August 20, 2011

Dear Judge Wolf,

I became a member of the family when I married Sal's uncle, Dr. Frank DiMasi, almost fifty years ago. Sal was in his late teens at the time, and I recall being surprised by his involvement in North End political affairs at such a young age. I admired his desire to help the people of his community

Over the years, I witnessed Sal among his constituents, in the courtroom when he defended my nephew in a case that he won by proving my nephew's innocence, and at many family functions with my children and his other cousins and family members. Throughout those years, Sal's never seemed to change. He always had that bright, ready smile and generous spirit that he had as a very young man—characteristics, I imagine, that later endeared him to his many supporters.

Sal's mother, who died several years ago, was my sister-in-law. She was a person I very much admired and respected, I think it is both true and fair to say that her legacy was the fine children she raised. Celia was not an educated woman by traditional standards, but she was a wise and compassionate person who was truly dedicated to her family and to her job of raising her boys to be good and honorable young men. I always felt that her three sons--Nicky, Sal, and Joey--grew to be such kind and respectful individuals because of Celia's influence.

I know I don't speak for myself alone, but for all Sal's family when I say that this sad and unfortunate event that ended Sal's political career has hollowed out our hearts because we all love him so much.

My hope and prayer for Sal is that all his good service and dedication to helping others throughout his career will tip the balance in his favor.

In closing, I simply ask and pray that the court will act with mercy--for Celia and Pepe, and for all Sal's family and friends who are holding him in their hearts at this hour.

Thank you kindly,

Leslie Skimmings

August 22, 2011

Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf
Chief Judge of the United States District Court
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Re: Salvatore DiMasi

Dear Judge Wolf,

I start by stating that I did not attend the DiMasi trial, nor did I read the trial testimony. At the end of the trial it was the jury that determined Sal DiMasi's guilt. However, for several years I worked closely with Sal DiMasi during his term as Speaker of the House. I believe he was a successful and effective leader and did much to help the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its residents. He established an impressive record that speaks for itself.

In addition to the bills he passed, he appointed committee chairs who were knowledgeable and who worked with him to set an agenda during his terms in the House. He did something most Speakers don't do: he listened to his chairmen. He sometimes argued and sometimes disagreed, but the final result was that his chairmen and chairwomen had access and influence and good policy was made. He ran a very democratic body. He had the confidence, respect and the vision to make that work.

The results during his speakership were remarkable. Averages of six thousand bills are filed every session. Very few pieces of major legislation pass the House or are enacted into law. I have reviewed the bills during the Speaker's tenure and listed those important bills that either passed just the House or that passed both houses and became law.

As House Chairman of the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee, I worked with Speaker Dimasi closely to write bills that would make our oceans cleaner, help reduce carbon emissions, enable communities to become greener (healthier and reduce carbon emissions) and create a new clean energy system in order to make Massachusetts a leader in reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.

What follows is a description of those bills, as well as laws passed that affected every sector of our state and addressed problems in those areas. The first five bills I cite were passed and enacted into law in 2008. Their passage sent a message to the business community that Massachusetts was going to be a national leader. Speaker DiMasi worked closely with EOEAA Secretary Bowles, myself and Senator Resor, my Senate committee co-chair. He helped make a strong case by working with all branches of government. Unfortunately for the public, his kind of hands on leadership is something that is not done enough. Unfortunately for him, his hands-on approach appears to have also led to his fall. He recognized that while the environment was not a key issue in most legislators' minds, it

was necessary to push for clean energy as a way to help change the future. His hard work paid off and the bills passed in 2008 are evidence of the attention he gave to this area.

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT:

Green Jobs:

In an effort to grow jobs in the Commonwealth's burgeoning clean energy sector, the House **unanimously** approved legislation to encourage, through incentives, green start-up companies to expand in Massachusetts and to provide individuals of all income levels the skills needed to excel in the state's budding green economy.

Green Communities Act of 2007:

The House **unanimously** approved bold energy reform legislation to promote the use of cleaner, renewable energy in Massachusetts. The bill establishes energy goals for the Commonwealth and implements those goals by adopting state-wide clean energy initiatives and reforms. Local communities must adopt five strategies set out in the bill. These local communities would then be declared "Green Communities," this would entitle those communities for funding to further reduce energy uses and reducing CO2 emissions.

Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008:

The House **unanimously** approved climate change legislation regulating greenhouse gas emissions and creating the framework for drastic emissions reductions over a 40-year period, ultimately mandating an 80% reduction from 1990 levels. **This legislation has made Massachusetts a leader in implementing climate change solutions.**

Biofuels Incentive Package:

The House **unanimously** passed legislation to promote the use of advanced biofuels through a first-in-the-nation state gas tax exemption on cellulosic biofuels. Speaker DiMasi argued to broaden the definition of biofuels and to avoid competition between growing grains for food and growing for biofuels. He supported and adopted provisions to make Massachusetts a leader in creating cellulosic based fuels.

Ocean Management Bill:

The House acted to clarify existing laws concerning ocean management to allow for clean energy development in areas currently zoned only for traditional energy generation. Massachusetts was the first state to do so and is the model for a federal Executive Order signed by President Obama and that is now in the process of being implemented. Speaker DiMasi wanted to expand wind and other clean energy that could be set in the water. He made a trip to several sites including local bays and the ocean to confirm the propriety of certain sites. I went with him to Buzzards Bay where he decided that the shallow water and boat traffic would not permit wind energy to be located there.

Rose Kennedy Greenway:

The House approved legislation to transfer the management of the Rose Kennedy Greenway from the Mass Turnpike Authority to the Rose Kennedy Greenway. This greenway provides a linkage from North End at Christopher Columbus Park all the way along Atlantic Avenue. There is a paucity of green space in this area that the greenway has

changed. The North End is Boston's oldest neighborhood. Over the years, it has been home to almost every group of immigrants to come through Boston. Speaker DiMasi wanted this connection to be made and asked me to support it in my committee as well as making sure the Board and City were also supportive.

Regulation of Liquefied Natural Gas Import Terminals:

To improve public safety, the House passed legislation to require a minimum 5,000-foot distance from an LNG tank to homes, schools, hospitals and elderly housing complexes. As a result, shippers create LNG depots far offshore and will keep areas safer.

HEALTH CARE:

While Governor Romney has received the notoriety for writing the Massachusetts Health Care bill, it was Speaker DiMasi and Senate President Travalighi who made it happen. Health care was a particular interest of the Speaker, and he had a terrific staff that made the legislation possible. In addition to health care reform, his work also included the passage of many important health bills.

Health Care Reform:

The first-in-the-nation health care reform law made affordable, quality insurance accessible to nearly 98% of the state's residents within two years. This was a landmark law based on shared responsibility. The bill requires individuals, businesses and government to participate to remedy skyrocketing costs and the growing number of uninsured. Over time, the reforms will significantly lower insurance costs for working families and individuals. This bill has been used as a model for federal health care reform bill passed in 2010 and will result in later reforms to control health care costs.

Speaker DiMasi put his most serious effort in making sure this law would pass. He fought very hard to keep his strategy. This bill was rewritten many times before it was introduced in the House and the Speaker should have received more credit for his work on this change to healthcare access and delivery.

Group Insurance Commission (GIC) for Municipal Employees:

Speaker DiMasi's acknowledgement that the skyrocketing cost of providing health insurance to municipal workers had become a drain on the coffers of cities and towns across the Commonwealth. As a result, the House passed legislation to allow municipal workers and retirees to opt into the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) healthcare plan, which has yielded millions of dollars in savings to municipalities that is being used to provide much needed cost savings and possible tax reductions.

Stem Cell Research:

Despite objections from Governor Romney, the House and Senate enacted groundbreaking legislation establishing Massachusetts as a center for cutting-edge, life-saving research with appropriate regulatory oversight.

Children's Mental Health Bill:

The House approved legislation to allow children suffering from mental illness to access care through their insurance plans, expand access to mental health screenings and provide early educators with the tools needed to better serve students suffering from mental illness.

Mental Health Parity:

The House overwhelmingly voted to pass **landmark mental health parity legislation** that will require health plans to cover mental health and substance abuse disorders to the same extent as all other medical conditions.

Emergency Contraception Access:

The House passed legislation to allow access to emergency contraception by requiring hospitals to offer medication to rape victims and permitting pharmacists to dispense the medication in consultation with a physician.

MassHealth Equality:

The House passed the Mass Health Equality Bill to allow married same-sex couples equal access to the state's MassHealth Program.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Gay Marriage:

In a Constitutional Convention, the Legislature voted by an overwhelming margin to uphold equal rights in the Commonwealth and oppose a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage in Massachusetts. Speaker DiMasi delivered a **major victory** for advocates of same sex marriage when the House passed legislation to repeal a 95 -year old law, the so-called "1913 law" that prevented gay and lesbian couples from outside the state to marry in Massachusetts. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize gay marriage and Speaker DiMasi who had been a longtime supporter and he was responsible for having the House vote on this matter.

Buffer Zone Expansion around Women's Health Clinics:

The House passed legislation to establish a 35-foot buffer zone around reproductive health clinics in Massachusetts. The legislation builds on existing law to more than double the size of the current buffer zone and establishes a fixed rather than floating "no protest" area, 35 feet from the property line of a clinic

SUICIDE PREVENTION:

The House passed legislation to create a special commission to study and resolve ways to curb the number of suicides in Massachusetts. Suicide prevention funding was also increased to unprecedented levels.

CHILD PROTECTION:

Acting to toughen the laws meant to protect our most vulnerable children from abuse and neglect, the House passed legislation to create a new cabinet secretary dedicated solely to child welfare, establish minimum educational requirements for social workers and their supervisors order training of mandatory reporters and increase criminal penalties.

CRIME/COURTS:

Witness Intimidation Program/Anti-Gang Funding:

Moving to combat rising crime rates, the House established an \$11 million grant program to help communities reduce and prevent gang violence and strengthen existing gun laws. The bill created a \$1.5 million statewide witness protection program to safeguard witnesses from the intimidation that obstructs criminal investigations.

OUI Repeat Offenders ("Melanie's Law"):

The House passed the toughest drunk driving law in the Commonwealth's history that stiffens penalties for repeat offenders and brings state in compliance with federal drunk driving standards.

Child Protection Legislation (Jessica's Law):

The House passed legislation to better protect children from sex offenders through the enforcement of tougher sentences and enhanced tracking of online predators.

Heightened Domestic Violence Penalties:

The House created criminal sanctions for domestic violence and strengthened protections for those seeking restraining orders.

VETERANS:

Welcome Home Bill:

The House provide additional benefits and increased pay for returning service members, veterans and their families, as well as education and fee waivers for Massachusetts National Guard members.

BANKING:

Mortgage Foreclosure Relief:

In the midst of a national and statewide mortgage foreclosure crisis, the House passed bold new legislation to help stem the number of mortgage foreclosures by encouraging banks to help borrowers, providing a new 3-month window to cure defaults and mandating tough new licensing standards for mortgage loan originators.

MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE:

Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIT) for Municipal Employees:

Maintaining its commitment to cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth, the House passed legislation to permit the state to take over poorly performing municipal pension systems, a measure that will provide significant savings to municipalities and help provide further property tax relief.

ECONOMY:

Raising the Minimum Wage:

The legislature reaffirmed its commitment to the Commonwealth's working families by giving long overdue pay increases to the lowest wage earners; the first increase since 2001

raised the rate to \$7.50 in 2007 and \$8.00 in 2008, giving Massachusetts one of the most competitive minimum wages in the country.

Film Tax Incentives:

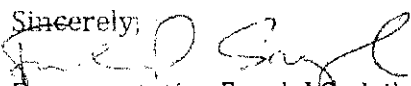
Seeking to further facilitate job growth and make Massachusetts competitive with other states and countries, the House took action to attract the multi-billion dollar movie industry to Massachusetts to create jobs, increase tourism and generate revenue for state and local economics

Your Honor, Salvatore DiMasi was the hardest working Speaker that I have worked under and one of the most successful. In my role as a lobbyist for low-income clients, I found that he was one of the few legislative leaders who had concern for those living in poverty. In my experience in the Legislature, it takes a person of high values with genuine concern for the residents of Massachusetts to produce such a record. He was a leader who had a vision about how Massachusetts should grow and prosper. He inspired me and others to work harder to make the House an important and exciting place to work.

While many people do not support the Legislature because of its inability to pass legislation, Speaker DiMasi should provide the exception to the rule. He worked with House and Senate colleagues, the public, his staff as well as the administration in order to meet the needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth. It is frustrating to me and others who worked with him that this successful part of his leadership was sublimated to the events that led to his conviction.

I still believe Salvatore DiMasi is a man of virtue who should also be remembered for the time he served in the Legislature, helping the people of Massachusetts by working to improve their lives. Please consider these thoughts from another lawyer-legislator when you pass judgment on my friend and colleague.

Sincerely,


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August 26, 2011

The Honorable Mark L. Wolf
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Dear Judge Wolf:

I write this letter to offer my observations and opinions on the matter before the court involving the sentencing of former Speaker Sal DiMasi. I have a perspective on my friend and former colleague Sal that may be different than that of anyone else in the Commonwealth. I grew up in East Boston while he grew up in the North End. We both benefited from a loving and caring Italian family and community. We both sought election to the General Court and won convincingly. With lots of hard work and a little luck, each of us rose through the ranks to occupy the chair leading our respective branches.

We worked together on some of the most significant social issues of our time (Same Sex Marriage, Stem Cell Research, and Health Care Reform) and we jostled with one another to advance our own personal and institutional agendas for many years.

During that time, Sal exercised leadership and sound political skills to ensure the passage of good legislation and prevent the passage of bad legislation. In every political and policy driven discussion, Sal was focused on what he believed was right.

I do not have personal knowledge of the Cognos issue or how it was handled. I can only convey to you that my experiences with the former Speaker were based on proper political and professional deliberations aimed at improving the quality of life for his constituents and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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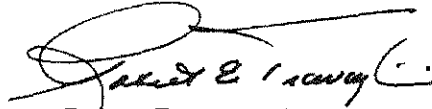
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Your Honor, as you prepare to sentence the former Speaker, I would respectfully request that consideration be given to a 30 year career in public service which benefitted hundreds of thousands of needy families who had been overlooked and underserved for decades. I witnessed the genuine concern and compassion for the under-insured, the physically challenged and the mentally disturbed populations of the Commonwealth that Sal DiMasi championed and made sure their voices were heard.

In short, I ask that you recognize the devastation Sal's conviction has wrought on him, his reputation and the community we both served. And I ask that, in your wisdom, you give him a chance in the future to redeem himself and his hard won but now lost reputation.

Very truly yours,



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August 23, 2011

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

Re: Salvatore F. DiMasi

Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

I have known Salvatore F. DiMasi socially and professionally for over twenty years. I have dealt with him in his capacities as a personal friend, attorney, legislator, and philanthropist. As a result I feel I am qualified to speak to his character personally and professionally.

Because of my personal and professional relationship, I consider him more than a friend and very much like family to me. He has been to my home on multiple occasions, he has travelled with me on vacations; he has been to my office, and vice versa. We know each other intimately.

Therefore it was with great anticipation, anxiety and regret that I watched and witnessed the recent court proceedings resulting in his recent conviction, which cause me great despair and compelled me to write this letter on his behalf.

I can think of no better way than to tell the story of Sal and his relationship with my family through the death of my late brother, Saugus Police Officer Harold L. Vitale.

26 years ago, my brother was murdered in the line of duty by an 18 year old who was indicted on a first degree murder charge and was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, sentenced to 18-20 years and released after 9 at age 27.

Sal knew me and my family at that time. During our ordeal of a funeral and 2 trials, he was there throughout all of the proceedings, offering his condolences and support. He was available during the trial, providing comfort, council and guidance.

Seven years after my brother's death, a charitable foundation was formed in my late brother's name. Finding out about our efforts and ideas, Sal stepped forward and pledged to help and support us financially, personally and professionally.

Throughout the first few years after forming the Foundation, my family worked extremely hard to raise money while trying to build our brand and our reputation via the golf tournament. The first year we raised \$30,000 then \$40,000 and \$60,000. We began offering grants to police survivor support programs (Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S) at the time in Washington DC) of between \$5,000 and \$10,000. We were pleased but not satisfied, because we wanted to do more initially and struggled with how to build our cause and our brand, and ultimately our endowment. We decided we would ask Sal DiMasi to become the celebrity chairman of our event.

As a result of his name, reputation, and effort, our tournament surpassed the \$60,000 mark, where we had plateaued and rose steadily by nearly \$20,000 per year and crested to nearly \$130,000 in funds raised last year. At that point, our endowment reached over \$200,000 and we had provided grants of nearly \$300,000. Today, we have paid out over \$450,000!

Sal DiMasi's efforts were invaluable to us. Our tournament and our brand have become one of the most popular events on the North Shore. Sal helped put us on the map. Every year, he passionately tells the story of my brother Harold and re-connects a large audience about the work of our public safety officers and the dangers of law enforcement. He helps us carry on the spirit of my late brother, which is the mission and tag line of our organization. It is hard to envision the event now without his presence at the microphone. And it is hard to imagine how we will carry on our work if the tournament falters.

The most important work we do is to send young children to an Outward Bound program. In the first year we subsidized the cost of two campers. Today, our grant subsidizes the cost of about a dozen campers annually and the program has grown to the point where as many as three dozen campers attend each year.

There is no question in our mind that Sal's efforts are largely responsible for that.

All the while, Sal never asked for or received a nickel for his time and energy, and in fact, often made contributions to our charity, some of them sizeable. He did it not just because of his love and respect for my family, but because of his understanding of the public safety issues facing the people in our community and the dangers inherent in police work. He showed me how strongly he felt about helping young children cope with their grief and trauma that comes when their loved ones pay the price for our safety.

There is NO way as President of the Memorial Foundation I could have ever built the organization to the point it is at today without somebody like Sal. Some celebrity Chair men and women take positions like these for the money or the notoriety. Sal took it because he is a friend and because he believes in it.

Along the way, I learned from many people I met that what Sal DiMasi selflessly did for our cause, he also did for others. More than a decade ago I came across some biographical information and learned about other organizations that Sal was instrumental in leading or helping that he also believed in. The list is impressive. I feel fortunate not just to have known him, but to have had the luxury of his time and his mind to help my personal cause. I know it was at the expense of time away from his own family. Others may claim the title "public servant" But I can attest still that Sal DiMasi is the epitome of what a public servant should be.

When I am not pitching my charity, I am a professional CPA. I am fortunate to have started in a small family firm, ultimately building it to a major firm with over 350 employees. Working in a regulated profession, I am proud to say it is one that has the distinction of being one of the most respected in the nation, if not the world. Yet like any other regulated profession, ours is one that has had its share of miscues, most notably the Enron scandal and the subsequent Sarbanes Oxley legislation. Over the years I have been active with other members of my firm in helping shape the profession, working on bills and compromises to maintain our standing as one of the world's most trusted and respected professions.

In that capacity we often found ourselves in need of understanding legislation affecting our industry. In my 35 years in the profession, I was fortunate to have known Sal and others like him, to and help me understand the legislation and work harder to shape it to make it better for everyone.

My consistent impression in working with Sal is that, he always sought to understand the regulations and assist our profession but only if the legislation was fair and equitable for all sides. I think the hallmark of Sal's leadership style is that he is great listener who works extremely hard to educate himself on the issues when he finds an area that is not one within his particular expertise, will seek the advice of others in order to build the knowledge base necessary to ensure balanced and fair legislation.

In 35 years, we worked with many legislators, but honestly none smarter than Sal DiMasi. The practice of public accounting is a complicated and technical one, constantly changing. It requires a profession willing to be open and a legislature that gets it. Fair and effective legislation is only fair and effective if it benefits all parties, not one. Sal gets it. He is easy to work with, but when he feels strongly about something, will stand his ground on matters that he does not feel are in the best interest of the public. His position on matters affecting matters like health care, education, finance, entertainment, the hospitality industry, are great examples of his ability to understand and craft logical and fair legislation.

In my own industry, those areas include legislation affecting the form of doing business (LLC's etc.), state and local taxes, tax credits and incentives, professional ethics, reporting and disclosure, licensing, to name just a few.

I also know Sal as a family man. I know his wife Debbie and his 2 step children. I know how devastated they are with the outcome of the trial. I know his stepchildren consider Sal as their own father. I know it because they have told me so. He is the provider in the family. A

sentence of any time served would be similar to the sentence my sister-in-law received when my brother was killed; the sentence of a life without a husband and a father to her children.

My brother, too, was a step father to three children. The void that was left is irreparable. A murderer took away my brother and in so doing, a husband from his wife and a father from his children. Sal did not murder anyone. Is it fair to imprison a man one could argue exercised bad judgment to a term befitting a callous murderer? From my perspective, Sal is a person like me, who interpreted rules and laws in order to abide by them. Like my brother Richard, I think he has been punished immensely by the irreversible damage the charges and trial have done to him and his reputation.

I ask myself whether it makes sense to send a man to prison and take him from his family, leaving them potentially indigent, because of mistaken interpretations and perceptions of law.

I ask you, Judge Wolf, to please consider all of this in rendering any decisions about how Sal DiMasi should live the rest of his adult life?

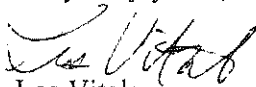
This is all about fairness. I watched this trial with a brother's keen interest. I heard you intone the need to be fair throughout the proceedings. When the words "not guilty" were uttered concerning my brother, I thought the result fair, but when the politician and lobbyist were found "guilty" I thought about what fairness really means in this context.

In asking you to be fair to Salvatore DiMasi, I am asking you to have compassion, to look at all the facts and circumstances and consider how punishment should suit the crime. From my view, the alleged crime, at best would be a fine, perhaps some professional sanction, but it does not seem logical to me based on the facts and circumstances of the case that punishment by incarceration is logical or fair.

If the "guidelines" I heard so much about from the lawyers suggest otherwise, I ask you to be guided by your inner guideline.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Very truly yours,


Les Vitale

The Honorable Judge Wolf

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Dear Chief Judge Wolf,

My name is Aliano Zullo.

I am the owner of The Gentlemen's Salon. For over 25 years I have been cutting Mr. Salvatore Alimasi's hair. Having been open for 35 years I have seen many politicians come and go. Mr. Alimasi is one of the most honest, caring and hard working men I've had the honor of knowing. The last time again he has taken an hour or so to answer or just talk to the many clients who are in my shop. Never has he been too busy to listen and help. Please look at all the good he's done over such a long span of time. This is a man of the people and for the people. I'm proud to have him as a friend. Sincerely, Aliano Zullo

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BY HAND

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

Dear Mr. Hohler:

Enclosed are six (6) additional 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

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August 30, 2011

Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf
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Re: Salvatore F. DiMasi

Dear Honorable Judge Wolf:

My name is Thomas Arcadipane. I was born and brought up in the North End of Boston in the fifties and sixties. I worked for 43 years in public service 30 years with the City of Boston Retirement Board and 13 years as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority's Retirement Board. I started as a mail clerk, held almost every position at the board and worked myself up to Executive Director. I know that is not a whole lot of information about my character, but I wanted to introduce myself.

This letter is a request to you, personally. I ask you for leniency for my friend Salvatore DiMasi in your sentencing him to prison. I grew up with Sal and played various sports with him. He was my senior counselor at Christopher Columbus High School in the North End. He was a senior and I was a freshman. We would congregate in the Shaw House, a neighborhood place for kids and teens to hang out and learn discipline, team work and respect for one another. Even then, Sal had a positive influence on me and some of the other younger teens. He was always a mentor, someone we could look up to. He continued to be that person throughout our formative years. He furthered his education, became an attorney, got elected to the House of Representatives, excelled so much in the House that he became Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee and ultimately Speaker of the House.

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loss of his good name, his hard earned retirement benefits, his law license and years of productivity.

Judge Wolf, I plead with you not only for leniency but for mercy. I would not want to see Sal DiMasi die while incarcerated. He has done a lot of good in his long life which his type crime cannot erase. His wife especially needs him, as well as his two children. Judge Wolf from someone you never met but shares many of the values for which you stand, I plead with you for mercy in your decision to sentence Salvatore DiMasi. God knows the decision must be a daunting task and my prayers are with you as well as my friend Salvatore DiMasi.

Sincerely,

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Robert Dello Russo
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Honorable Mark Wolf
Justice of the District court of the United States
1 Court House Way
Boston, MA

August 28, 2011

Dear Justice Wolf:

I am writing as a citizen of Boston and the United States, concerning a fine and upstanding individual of our community, Mr. Salvatore F. DiMasi.

I have known Mr. DiMasi most of my life and became close to him in 1976, when I was what we then called a "community activist" and so was Mr. DiMasi. We both worked very hard in organizing our neighborhood residents, to give them a voice in what is developed in our community. At a time when our beloved North End was being inundated with more shops, restaurants and coffee shops. Over a short period, we grew from ten restaurants to over one hundred and that prompted us to work to curtail licensing in order to keep our community safe. We organized neighborhood watches and raised awareness to what went on around us.

I am sure you will hear so much about what he made happen in that capacity, but more importantly he was given an opportunity to do more when, he became our State Representative. As our representative he gave and his all to us and never expected anything in return. As he progressed in the legislature and eventually became Speaker of the House it never swayed his thinking, he did not get to big for his constituents always took time to talk to his neighbors and always took into consideration the needs of the little guys.

When the City of Boston took back liquor licenses that were being held to be sold to the highest bidder, and every restaurant wanted a full liquor license which would have devastated our neighbor as we know it, Sal stepped in and created a beer and wine license to include cordials. He was at the focal point of the Safe Roads Act, Presumptive Sentencing and in some instances mandatory sentencing to deter criminals. He is a lover of the law and knows more than anyone else I know concerning it. He so much wanted people and legislators to understand how difficult it was to draft laws to govern all of the State. He taught me and so many others how important it was to be a champion of the people in the process.

When the press controlled what went on in the state, Sal alone had the courage, to stand up for us. It was truly discouraging to see how the media treated him in this manner, having extolled virtues when he passed landmark legislation concerning "Universal Health Care" and also "Gay Marriage", both models for the entire Country. He was one day praised by the press and the next day torn apart by the same people who theoretically here to report rather than create news. Destroy someone who has been a champion of the people without regard to his political efforts is


not what we should expect from the media and it's not what we hope from the Court.

I sincerely hope you take into account all that has been done, by my friend and not others have written about him. It would do my heart well and restore my confidence in government and the judicial system to find someone, like yourself, who is will to stand up, as Sal did throughout his political life and tell the press, Sal DiMasi is more than the man who was convicted before me. He is not the man portrayed in the press and instead is a man who has done everything he could to make the lives of his constituents better, Justice Wolf please read this letter and be the one who says to Massachusetts and America; "we are still governed by the people and not the electronic or print media." I hope this letter finds you well and gives you a brief idea of what Mr. DiMasi is really about. I don't blame the jury, but I would have applauded their courage should they have come back with an alternative verdict. A verdict that would have freed a man who gave all of himself to all of us, a good husband, father and a decent human being.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter. Please, please consider what I have said in this brief letter, which only scratches the surface of what I have to tell you and this world about Sal DiMasi. He was a model of what politics is supposed to be, in a world that sees only the bad in politics and is fueled by biased reporting by those who would control our lives.

Thank you again for your time and patience.

Sincerely yours,



Robert J. Dello Russo

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August 25, 2011

The Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf
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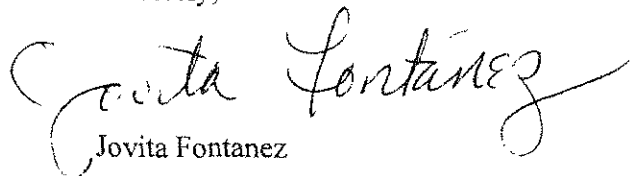
Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

I have known Sal DiMasi for over 20 years. Throughout the years, I have learned to know and appreciate, Sal as a husband, father, public servant, and always as a friend.

Sal DiMasi had been my Representative at the State House since his early days at the State House. As a public servant, I have known Sal as a fair-minded, dedicated legislator. All these acts and qualities are typical and consistent of Sal's character. Sal devoted time and energy to his district. Sal's time and energy to support gay rights is typical of one example. Another is and was his focus on health care for all. As a legislator, Sal made sure that he was aware of his constituents' needs and concerns. His vision and commitment to his district is what made Sal such a respected legislator and speaker. His legislative legacy will and should be the great work he did to provide services for and to those who often had nowhere to go. It was/is his concern for others and his desire to help people; that made/make him a good man, friend.

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

Sincerely,



Jovita Fontanez

The Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf
Chief Judge
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RE: Salvatore F. DiMasi

Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

I have known Sal DiMasi for about 7 years and had the honor of working on his campaign as his Fundraiser.

Because of my role on his campaign I had the opportunity to get to know Sal by working with him on his campaign related activities and also during the time we spent driving to and from events.

Throughout the years I worked with Sal he showed a tremendous amount of love and concern for his family. Whether it was helping Christian with his school homework, making sure he was at school on time or chaperoning dances for Ashley during her high school years. His love and admiration and devotion for his wife, Debbie, were always apparent by his comments and how he stood by her during family tragedies.

During our drive time to and from events Sal would sometimes discuss his perspective on the issue that he was working on in the legislature. Above all else, what always impressed me was his unwavering commitment to do what was right on behalf of the people most affected by a particular issue. Whether it was the fight for the rights of those who were denied the right to marriage because of their sexual orientation or to make sure even the most unemployed or down trodden had access to affordable healthcare.

As Speaker one of Sal's many responsibilities was to help legislators with their re election efforts. Sal always insisted we help all those who had campaigns regardless of their support for him. It didn't matter if a legislator was a vocal critic of Sal's leadership; Sal insisted we help that person to get re-elected. He had a tremendous amount of respect for his colleagues and the House of Representatives as an institution.

I will always respect and admire Sal's for his commitment to the people of Massachusetts and his family. It was an honor to work with him.

Regards,

Kristin MacEachern

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August 29, 2011

The Honorable Judge Mark L. Wolf
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Re: Salvatore F. DiMasi

Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

During the past few days, I have been reading about the sentencing date set for former Speaker of the House Salvatore DiMasi. I have been moved to write to you about my respect for the legislative good works, thoughtful manner, kindness and compassion Mr. DiMasi exhibited throughout his career.

I first met Rep. DiMasi in the early 80's when I was the Legislative Director for the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts. In 1989, I became a lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. I retired in 2009. I had a pleasant, friendly professional relationship with Rep. DiMasi.

My letter is to inform you of the important role Rep. DiMasi played in keeping Massachusetts a state that promotes equality for women and minorities, and supports a criminal justice system that is more fair and just—much more fair and just than it would be without him. Here are specific examples of what I mean:

Judiciary Committee Chairman DiMasi was instrumental in preventing

the Commonwealth from adopting sentencing reform measures that would have tied the hands of judges. He worked to modify and then to oppose the perennial legislation that did not take into consideration the issue of multiple charges for an offense. The legislation, as written, would not have permitted a judge to designate sentences be served concurrently. The length of the sentences for multiple offenses would have kept offenders in prison for years. Rep. DiMasi had a full understanding of the complexity of the issue, and he withstood well-meaning intense pressure for "reform" from organizations working to unify sentencing practices, without understanding the consequences of their proposal.

Rep. DiMasi played a pivotal role in quieting a raging battle over abortion rights. Each year, the Judiciary committee had about a dozen bills on the subject—some to restrict and some to advance women's rights. Rep. DiMasi was the first Chair to begin to place all abortion related legislation in a "study", thereby preventing either side from seeking advantage. He was trusted by both sides, so there was no suspicion that one of the pieces of legislation would suddenly find its way to the House floor. This is a significant accomplishment because it allowed the medical community time to accumulate data—data which has now influenced the current law on the issue. Prior to this strategy, the anti-abortion legislation always prevailed. Although much of it is moribund because of later court decisions, these archaic laws remain on the books. We could never, in the climate that existed, expect the legislature to keep from making things worse for women but, Rep. DiMasi stood strong as a responsible leader who respected the needs of women and respected the political climate at the same time.

I could not write about Rep. DiMasi without lauding his pivotal role preventing the return of the death penalty to Massachusetts. At the time, he was an assistant majority leader who lobbied his fellow legislators about the unfairness, ineffectiveness, and expense of the death penalty. On the day of the final vote, I will never forget seeing Rep. DiMasi, his arm around the shoulder of Rep. John Slattery, discussing the possibility that Rep. Slattery would change his vote. Because Rep. Slattery did, and voted against the bill, the death penalty failed on a tie vote. Rep. Slattery gets the credit for his

courage, but Rep. DiMasi gets the assist—and the Commonwealth gets a justice system that was not perverted.

There are so many other instances in which the criminal justice system was improved by the hard work and attention to details given by Rep. DiMasi. One that comes to mind is his fight to keep the compensation for the wrongly convicted on the right track. Through every phase of legislative work, the legislation seemed to change for the worse, and Rep. DiMasi painstakingly pulled it back. The final legislation is a fair bill that would have looked very different without Rep. DiMasi's careful attention to detail, and hard work.

There would be no celebrating for the many happy same-sex couples without Speaker DiMasi at the helm of the House. We were down to nine votes at the end, to defeat a proposed constitutional amendment to define marriage as between a man and a woman, and overturn the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court. The targeted nine were House members who were influenced by their passionate and caring conversations with the Speaker.

I also remember the Speaker's attendance at a fund raiser run by MassEquality. The subject of the hour, indeed every hour at the time seemed to be the marriage campaign. But, when I spoke with the Speaker after his remarks, he said, "We have gotta get this health care thing done." Such was his compassion and commitment. He didn't have to say this to me—it was not an issue I was working on—but he wanted this to happen. He is a caring and concerned person who understood the needs of the less fortunate. He acted with determination and skill to make health care a reality.

At this sad moment for those of us who admire the intelligence, dedication, fairness and compassion of a genuinely good man, Salvatore DiMasi, I urge you to consider all the good he has done, all the kindnesses he has shown, and all the years he has devoted to public service. He is a man who spent the better part of his life caring about justice, and trying to make it happen.

I wish you well as you carry out your responsibilities in this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. Shapiro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

August 30, 2011

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Sincerely,

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

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Re: Salvatore DiMasi

Dear Chief Judge Wolf

As a registered lobbyist for various organizations advocating for low income people I have known Salvatore DiMasi since he first entered the Massachusetts House of Representatives over 30 years ago. I was scheduled to testify as an expert on his behalf and am sorry I did not get to do so, as I have an understanding of the legislative process in Massachusetts that eludes the press and the public.

I founded Meredith and Associates in 1980 representing statewide Legal Services Programs and the state wide Community Action Programs, both of which were promoting policy changes that would improve and expand existing services and cash assistance programs for low income people – the poor, the disabled, the elderly. As my practice grew, I also represented various service provider trade associations and advocacy organizations that served those populations including mental health and substance abuse providers, subsidized housing and elderly housing programs, immigrants, homeless families and individuals and so on. My clients were not the monied interests who stereotypically have legislators' ears.

It was my practice in 1980 as it is now, to prioritize building a positive and productive relationship with Legislators whose districts included a substantial population of low income people, especially, newly elected Legislators like Sal DiMasi who started serving in 1979.

As a rank and file Legislator, and later as a Legislative Leader, Sal DiMasi always granted my clients immediate access to him or his staff to present draft legislation, or draft regulations that would address a current issue faced by a critical mass of his constituents, and he was always prompt in responding to our request. Usually he agreed to be a sponsor or co-sponsor and join a "floor team" of Representatives who would work with us to persuade the right Committee Chair or Leader, or Administration official to get the proposed legislation or regulation through the process successfully.

Sometimes, of course he could not or would not support our proposal, but when that occurred he would always tell us why and limit his open opposition by sharing with us our opponent's arguments and advising us on counter arguments. He did the same for them when he was with us.

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Chief Judge, USDC D. Mass

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July 31, 2011

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

Dear Chief Judge Wolf:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my good friend Sal DiMasi. I've been a friend of Sal for the last eleven years. During the years of our acquaintance, I have known Sal in many capacities, most importantly, as a father and as a friend. Sal became my good friend almost immediately when we first met, as our eldest children started attending the Pollard Middle School in Needham, as sixth graders. Our friendship has grown over the years as we watched our children graduate high school, college and grow into young adults.

In the capacity as a father, I have come to know Sal as a loving father and wonderful husband to his family. Sal has shown compassion, love and loyalty as he devoted himself to his wife Debbie, her children Christian and Ashley and become the beacon of strength and love for his family.

As a friend, Sal has always supported me and my family with his love and compassion. Sal would attend, not only his own family's events but often go out of his way to also attend my son's sporting events, birthday celebrations and other family functions. Sal did this while juggling an overloaded schedule as a lawyer, State Legislator and Speaker. I know that Sal makes these types of activities a priority in his life because Sal is a dedicated and loving man. His empathy for others and the support he gives is extraordinary.

Sal genuinely loves people. He has dedicated most of his life to the service of others. He is dedicated and loving not only to his immediate family but to hundreds of others like me and my family. Sal has been this way for most of his life. I say this with the greatest confidence because of the scores of people all around Boston that support him. His dedication and service to the people he represented are undeniable. His capacity to show consideration and to help others is unlimited.

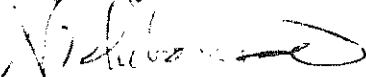
Sal's hundreds of supporters like me and my family are a testament to what special person he is.

Sal is a man who has given of himself, in the service to others, for so many decades.

I hope that you will think of this letter and all the people Sal has helped and supported over the years, as you make your considerations about Sal.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Nicholas Arnao

The Honorable Chief Judge Mark L. Wolfe

U.S. District Court

District of Massachusetts

John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse

One Courthouse Way, Suite 2300

Boston, MA 02210

August 21, 2011

Dear Judge Wolfe,

After 20 years of having had the privilege of and respect for service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I felt compelled to write to you as you consider the case of Salvatore Di Masi.

My service was at an appeal board that conducted thousands of administrative appeals annually; drivers' license revocations, motor vehicle surcharges and automobile insurance cancellations. We received calls from legislators frequently, however, the one office that stood out as exceptional, respectful of the process and never expecting or asking for preference or an indulgence was that of Representative and then Speaker Di Masi. He ran an office that was truly a "class act"; they asked for assistance for older constituents in finding ways most accessible for them to attend hearings or asked for information regarding the process for constituents, but never for more.

While I do not pretend to know the facts or circumstances of the case before you, I do know that for 20 years of interaction, Salvatore Di Masi and his office acted so as to always give and be deserving of respect-never misused or insinuated leveraging his power or position. I did not want to let this time pass without sharing what I observed during my years of service.

Thank you,



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The Honorable Chief Judge Scott J. Walke
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Dear Judge Tholf,

I am writing to ask that every consideration will be given to former House Speaker Salvatore De Mase.

He has helped so many people along the way. People who had no food, places to live, or a family member to help make decisions for them.

Whenever you needed a helping hand, Sal was always the answer.

He was our answer for good government.

Your Honor, if he were running for office today, he would have my vote.

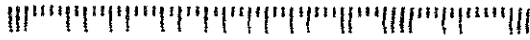
He didn't care, whether you gave to his fund raises, or if you voted for him. Whatever the case may be, you needed help - Sal was there.

I urge a strong rejection for
a long sentence. Please help us.
He doesn't deserve to be judged
harshly.

Thank you for taking the
time to read this letter.

Hope it will help.

Sincerely,
Jan Dooley.



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