

12/17/2023

The Honorable Araceli Martínez-Olguín
United States District Court Judge
San Francisco Courthouse, Courtroom 10 — 19th Floor
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Judge Martínez-Olguín:

My name is Keatyn Boren and I am Aaron Boren's youngest daughter. I am writing this letter to support my father knowing that he has pleaded guilty to federal charges for conspiracy to commit bank fraud and has accepted full responsibility for these charges related to the Paycheck Protection Program.

I was 9 years old when my mother and my father filed for divorce. Soon after the divorce, my mother, brother, and I moved to Indiana where my mother is from. From age 9 to 22, I lived in Indiana, miles and miles away from my father. Although we lived far apart, my father never failed to have a relationship with me and was always there to support me no matter what I was going through. He rarely missed our daily video calls, and often came to Indiana to visit us. We would spend every summer with my father and it always hurt when we had to part again. On July 22nd, 2023, I graduated from college with my nursing degree in Indiana. I was so thankful to have my father in attendance at my college graduation ceremony. Just a few days after graduation, my father helped me pack my entire life into my car and move to Grass Valley, California. He and his long-term girlfriend welcomed me with open arms and supported my decision to become a registered nurse in the state of California.

A few weeks after I moved out to California, my father sat down with me to have a serious talk. He told me that he got involved in a fraudulent loan program and that he was unsure of what was to come from it at this time. I was very shocked and confused about why he would get involved in something like that. All my life, I have known my father to be calm, confident, responsible, caring, and a good role model to me even though he lived across the country. He expressed to me that he was very ashamed of what he had done and confided in me about how this situation has led him to develop severe anxiety, panic attacks, and insomnia. It hurts me deeply to know that my dad has been living with this shame and guilt for so long but I still have so much respect for my father because he has accepted full responsibility for his actions.

My father is nothing short of a loving community man who would give the shirt off of his back to anyone who may need it. I can think of many times that I have spent with my father where he would stop in traffic or pull off to the side of the road to give money to homeless people or when we would leave a restaurant, he would offer our leftovers to those who may be hungry. My dad has a big heart and is always giving back to the community. In the short months that I have been here, I have noticed how valuable he is to the community around us. He is always there for our neighbors in times of need. Anything from neighbors needing to borrow a few eggs to helping neighbors to the hospital in times of crisis. He is someone that many people, including me, look up to and look to for support. He is a great friend to all and a supportive father to his children.

No matter what the outcome of this situation will be, I know my father will continue to be a loving community man. My dad has been by my side through all of my ups and downs, trials and errors, and accomplishments. I stand by my father and support him through this time of distress as he has stood by me through mine. I love my father very much and I know that with all of the support from our family and friends that he can move forward and learn from his actions.

Sincerely,

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