

Dear Judge Lewis A. Kaplan,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am writing to express my wholehearted support for my cousin-in-law, Chanette Lewis, who is currently facing a difficult situation before your court. I believe that Chanette's character and her positive contributions to her family and community make her deserve of a chance for rehabilitation and a brighter future.

Allow me to introduce myself: my name is Remy Hayward, a 29-year-old resident who has recently moved away from New York. I have had the privilege of knowing Chanette for the past few years and have come to deeply appreciate her strength, resilience, and dedication to her family. As the widow of my deceased older cousin Marcus Gilliam, she has faced numerous challenges, yet has managed to overcome them with grace and determination.

I must emphasize that Chanette's compassionate nature is unparalleled. She possesses an innate ability to empathize with others and extend a helping hand whenever needed. Her dedication to her family is evident through her unwavering support for those around her. I have personally benefited from her kindness and generosity, particularly in her role as a significant support system for me and my 5-year-old child. Her willingness to provide childcare when I require additional work shifts or simply some personal time has been invaluable.

In witnessing Chanette's journey, I have observed her navigate through periods of grief and depression following the loss of her husband Marcus in January of 2022. Despite these challenges, she has managed to prioritize her responsibilities as a mother to her three children and her own mother. Her resilience is a testament to her strength of character.

The current legal case has profoundly affected Chanette. She confides in me her fears of letting down her children, especially her oldest son Kareem. The prospect of being separated from her children, especially during their formative years, weighs heavily on her heart. I can attest that this situation is not only affecting Chanette individually, but also casting a shadow over our entire family.

Chanette and I have shared discussions about our aspirations for the future, including the possibility of starting businesses. She has expressed a desire to create a better life for herself and her family, which includes relocating to a more peaceful environment and establishing a clothing store or her own clothing line. The passion and enthusiasm she exhibits when discussing these plans reaffirms her commitment to making positive changes in her life.

Your Honor, I firmly believe that Chanette Lewis is deserving of a second chance. Her dedication to her family and her aspirations for a better future demonstrate her potential to contribute positively to society. I kindly request that you consider these aspects when making your decision regarding her case. I am hopeful that with your wisdom and compassion, you will see the potential for rehabilitation and a fresh start for Chanette.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that your decision will reflect the principles of justice and the possibility of redemption.

Sincerely,

Remy Hayward