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Honorable Judge Boulee

United States District Judge

Northern District of Georgia

75 Ted Turner Drive, SW

Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Request to Go on a Religious Pilgrimage

Dear Judge Boulee,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. My name is Charles Hill, IV, and I am writing to you today with deep humility and sincere respect. I am currently under probation, and I kindly request your understanding and consideration as I share an important matter regarding my probation.

Your Honor, I am a leader at my church, and my faith has always been a guiding force in my life. It is with utmost reverence and devotion that I write to seek permission to embark on a rare religious pilgrimage in October 2023 with my church—an incredible journey to follow the path of Jesus and His disciples. This pilgrimage holds immense significance for me as I believe it will profoundly deepen my faith and strengthen my bond with God.

Throughout the past 18 months, as I have navigated the challenges of my probation, I have dedicated myself to introspection, prayer, and the mending of broken relationships. My family and my faith have been my pillars of support during this trying period. They have provided me solace and the strength to confront my mistakes and make positive changes in my life.

I want to express my genuine remorse for the actions that led to my probation. I fully acknowledge my mistakes and take full responsibility for the consequences of my actions. I assure you, Your Honor, that this experience has been a catalyst for my personal growth and transformation. Through counseling, community service, and continuous self-reflection, I am striving to become a better person—one who is guided by integrity, compassion, and understanding.

The religious pilgrimage I seek to undertake is not just a physical journey but a spiritual quest for redemption and enlightenment. It is my sincere belief that this pilgrimage will provide me with an invaluable opportunity to deepen my faith, find solace, and seek the spiritual guidance necessary for my continued growth and rehabilitation. By immersing myself in the places where Jesus walked and the disciples spread His teachings, I hope to gain a deeper understanding of the values and principles that have always guided me.

I understand the gravity of my probation and the trust that has been placed in me to abide by the conditions imposed by the court. I want to assure you, Your Honor, that if granted permission, I will strictly adhere to all the terms and conditions set forth. I understand the importance of my obligations and the need to be accountable for my actions.

I humbly request your consideration in allowing me to temporarily travel for the purpose of this religious pilgrimage. I assure you that I will return promptly upon completing the pilgrimage and will faithfully continue to fulfill all the responsibilities assigned to me during my probation. I am fully aware that this journey is not a means to escape or evade my obligations, but rather an opportunity for genuine spiritual growth and personal rehabilitation.

I have attached a letter from my Pastor who has organized this pilgrimage and it also includes the itinerary. To the best of my knowledge, the sponsor responsible for my expenses for the trip is an unknown person from my church. The cutoff date to finalize the pilgrimage is rapidly approaching and I respectfully request if an answer could be provided by Monday, June 26. This pilgrimage will not have any financial impact upon my ability to continue paying my court obligations.

Last, both the Prosecution team and the Federal Probation Office have been contacted regarding this request. There are no objections Per my Federal Probation Officer, Ben Heath, there are no objections from the Federal Probation Office.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for considering my request. If there is any additional information you require or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With utmost respect and gratitude,

Charles Hill, IV

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHill, IV", with a stylized flourish at the end.



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May 23, 2023

Dear Honorable Judge Boulee,

This letter serves as a request for you to consider allowing Charles Hill to accompany 130 members of our church on a spiritual pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land in Israel.

This is an opportunity for the members of our church to develop a greater connection to our faith and discern God's will for their lives. It is my belief that this pilgrimage will be especially beneficial to Charles and his family at this transformative time in his life. I am aware of the situation that has brought him before your court, and I asked him if I could write to you concerning the remarkable growth I have observed in him.

I am amazed at the way Charles has responded to the many challenges that have transpired over the past few years. You may be aware, that he has tragically lost two sons in two separate motorcycle accidents and has had to hold his wife and children together as they weathered unimaginable heartache. He has been the rock that anchored the family as he leaned on his faith to steady them and manage his own pain. His walk with God has grown exponentially when most people would allow adversity to cause them to cave in and withdraw from life. Charles has allowed adversity to shape and fortify him as he has refocused his life on his God given purpose.

I believe this pilgrimage will further his development and give him the opportunity to connect with God and his family in a way nothing else can. His wife and two teenage daughters are also going on this journey. The girl's school administration understands the significance of this experience and is permitting them to miss school in October allowing them to attend. My hope and prayer is that during this time the family can deepen their love for each other and come back stronger than ever full of hope and expectancy after facing so much suffering. Charles's presence as husband and father is vital for the family's healing to continue.

Over my 37 years of ministry, I have written less than five letters of support to a judge on behalf of a member in our large congregation. I take my role and my endorsement seriously. I reserve it for the persons and situations I feel are most deserving. Charles fits my prerequisite and wholeheartedly has my support. I've known him for almost 20 years, and I rejoice at the man he has become and the tremendous leader he is at our church.

Therefore, I ask the court to allow him to participate with us on this spiritual pilgrimage and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and the Apostle Paul and receive the enabling grace of God for the road ahead. Please reach out to me if you need anything further. My personal cell number is 404-563-1680.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Tyrone Barnette
Peace Baptist Church

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus, Paul, and the Apostles

- Oct 12, 2023 Leave Atlanta for Rome.
- Oct 13 2023 Visiting Vatican City and religious sites in Rome.
- Oct 14 2023 Continue visits to historic/holy sites in Rome.
- Oct 15 2023 Worship service and depart for Naples
- Oct 16 2023 Visit Christian sites in Naples
- Oct 17 2023 Rest day and worship service in the evening
- Oct 18 2023 Visit religious sites in Ephesus
- Oct 19 2023 Visit religious/historic sites in Athens, Greece
- Oct 20 2023 Visit historic sites in Thira, Greece
- Oct 21 2023 Rest and Reflection with Pastor Barnette
- Oct 22 2023 Visit religious sites in the Galilee in Israel
- Oct 23 2023 Visit religious sites in Jerusalem, Israel
- Oct 24 2023 Visit religious in Cyprus
- Oct 25 2023 Rest and reflection with Pastor Barnette
- Oct 26 2023 Rest and reflection with Pastor Barnette
- Oct 27 2023 Return flight to Atlanta

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