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TO: James Lappan
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RE: Letter of Support for Edrica Watson

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jaleisce Williams Aidoo and this letter serves as my support and request for leniency by the court in determining a sentence for Ms. Edrica Watson. She and I have been good friends for over 10 years and have served as each other's support when it comes to our careers, (single) parenting, and just life in general. Being a working, single parent I know can sometimes be very frustrating, especially when doing the right things (furthering your education, obtaining degrees and certifications) to increase your income potential just isn't enough. Not mention, having limited or no support to assist in the caretaking of your children, which is her circumstance. I can't speak to the events that took place, and while I was very surprised to hear of her involvement in these things, one fact that remains the same is Edrica is a good person. She is an incredible mother, employee, and friend. She has heart of gold and will do what she can to help anyone. By no means is this a reflection of her true character at all. To know her is to love her. This was a mistake and a matter of being at the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong people. While there is certainly no excuse or justification for her actions, I do believe that Edrica is extremely apologetic for her involvement. My request for leniency is also out of my concern for her children. She is all they have and losing her to any time away will force them into the care of estranged family or at worst the government if no one is able to take on the responsibility. Please do not take her away from her children. In sum, I understand that there are severe consequences for the actions that have been taken, however, I ask that you take into consideration my statements above when making your final decision. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Jaleisce Williams Aidoo

