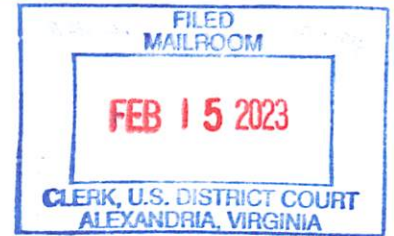


JAMES V. PUNELLI

February 13, 2023

The Honorable Anthony J. Trenga
United States District Judge
United States District Court
401 Courthouse Square
Alexandria, VA 22314



RE: James Punelli (Case No. 1:21CR-224) Request for Early Release from Parole

Your Honor,

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. I was advised by my previous parole officer, prior to being switched to administrative parole in October 2022, that I would be allowed to petition the court for early release at the mid-way point in the sentence which is March 6, 2023. Please allow me to briefly state my supporting reasons for this request.

Firstly, as a *sine qua non* the terms of parole have been scrupulously complied with. Specifically:

1. The fine and restitution were paid immediately upon sentencing.
2. The mandated community service was completed within 3 months.
3. Outside of normal parole officer communications there have been no interactions with any judicial system or law enforcement.
4. All parole terms and parole officer requests have been strictly complied with.

In a more general sense, I have lived my life this past year as I had committed to do at my sentencing:

1. I have taken seriously my obligations to family, work, and to the wider community. After finishing community service in May last year, I continued to volunteer weekly with a community non-profit, and am continuing work with another non-profit with which I have been involved for twenty years.
2. In my work, despite travel restrictions, I have contributed to large projects which will benefit many people and the economy at large.
3. I strive to conduct myself with decorum and respect for everyone, and to be a model citizen.

Additionally, I would ask the court to consider the outsized impact this decision will have on my future. As a professional, the guilty plea alone has been devastating for my business potential which is its own punishment. I have worked hard to overcome this and establish new opportunities going forward so that I may continue to offer the resulting benefits to my family and the community at large. In the coming weeks and months there are opportunities that have been offered to me which require significant international travel. Early release from parole will allow me to pursue this for the greater good of family and society.

Any reprieve given by the court will not be in vain. I will make the most of the opportunities this affords to the benefit of those around me.

Respectfully,

James V. Punelli