Dear Judge,

I Rodrigo Gutierrez first met Gurjeet Singh Bath in april 2016 when I started off as a yard worker who washed and cleaned their trucks and trailers. I aspired to one day be driving them like the professional drivers that worked for the company. After receiving my commercial license. I applied at many places even big named companies thinking it would be a great start, but had no luck. They were not willing to give someone as young as me without experience the opportunity to kickstart their career. I went back to G.S Bath and asked Mr. Bath if he would give me an opportunity. Thankfully He did. I worked as a local driver for Gurjeet Bath for approximately 5 years.

Their training program was spot on and I was trained so well by a fellow co worker. I always looked to Mr. Bath for guidance in trucking or any business matter questions I had he would gladly answer. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity he gave me that made a significant impact in my life. He took a chance on me when no one else was willing to.

I would see him daily as I would leave each morning to pick up and deliver shipments and return anywhere from mid-day to nighttime. If I ever needed any help making a doctor's appointment or family event he would do his best to get me back home on time. Since I know he is pretty big on family himself. He is a hard worker and was always busy. But he would make time to leave the office to pick up his daughter from school as soon as she got out. And bring her to work with him she was always happy to come and spend time there. As he continued to work.

He has helped me and plenty of others by providing a job to support our families. Working at this company it felt like a family. Everyone worked together to get the job done. I can say that I still keep in touch with those who were my coworkers and have great friendships from working at GS Bath.

Mr Bath was very thorough on scheduling loads and coordinating with shippers and receivers to ensure that their needs were met. We hauled loads for various big companies that many of us in America shop at such as Costco, Walmart, Sam's Club, and more. I was proud to be a part of the team we had. And was proud to be serving America through the years of Covid 19. Which I'm sure we all remember were tough times. Seeing the progress I was making in my career with the company. It was truly upsetting to me and many of my coworkers when the company stopped operating because of their family dispute.

We had not only lost our jobs, A means to provide for those we cared for. Also a great leader who was attentive to work with your needs and home time. He was big on safety and making sure you got adequate rest to be able to continue to work. Anytime I was in need of some help and had an unexpected bill come up I could ask for an advance. And he was

always willing to help. If there was ever an issue. He would talk to you and coach you instead of scolding you. He believed we all make mistakes as human no matter how big they were. And he made sure we didn't repeat the same mistake by giving us guidance. He believed in learning from our mistakes. He applied the same principle to himself. Whenever he made a mistake like accidently giving us wrong address or time for the shipments he was always upfront about it. You could go to him about anything you were not sure about at work and he would guide us without making you feel bad about yourself.

I ask the court to consider the character he showed and the example he set as a leader.

Respectfully,

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Re: Character Reference for Gurjeet Singh Bath

The Honorable Judge Thurston,

My name is Charles Membrilla and I am writing to provide a character reference for Gurjeet S Bath whom I worked for directly alongside in the office for over ten years. I saw who he really is not just on normal days but during stressful and tough times too. Gurjeet was a servant leader, fair and always accepted accountability and that was the reason employees could approach him directly even when we had made significant error. He valued honest communication and professionalism. Those standards shaped the culture of the office.

I saw those standards being applied over the years. Once there was an employee who repeatedly struggled with attendance. Rather than terminating the employee after write-ups, Gurjeet took the time to sit down with him, understand what was going on personally, and gave him clear expectations along with an opportunity to improve. He followed up regularly, offered guidance, and only made further decisions after giving that person a fair chance. That showed me his willingness to lead with patience, and fairness rather than reacting harshly. He always referred to me and others as "my co-workers" rather than "my employees." That may seem like a small detail but it reflected how he truly saw us as part of a team and not just workers working under him.
He never shifted the blame onto others. Every time office was under workload pressure, he always stepped in, worked alongside staff, and shared the responsibilities. He held himself to the same standards he expected from others which earned respect from the team and kept morale steady during stressful times.

Over ten years of working closely with him every day, I saw someone who was responsible and led by example. I've stayed in touch with him even after the company closed in early 2024. When he made me aware of the mistake he made, it was something I did not need to know as an employee yet he chose to be transparent. He accepted mistake without hesitation. You could see how deeply this matter has troubled him and the humility in the way he reflects on what happened. This matter seems to have weighed more heavily on him than even the closing of their business which he worked tirelessly for. Since then, I have noticed a shift in his priorities with greater focus on personal responsibilities than on business matters. I hope the Court will weigh the qualities and changes I have outlined in this letter.

Respectfully,
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The Honorable Judge Jennifer L. Thurston
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Eastern District of California

I, Jose Contreras, was working as a company driver from November 2015 to February 2024 at G.S. Bath Inc. I saw first hand saw how responsibly Gurjeet Bath carried his duties, how respectfully he treated his employees and how professionally he managed company's day to day pressures. I really enjoyed the time and the opportunity he gave me to work there. I always felt respected and was treated fairly. He was always there for you. If there were problems on the road or with scheduling, he addressed them instantly, even on a weekend, rather than ignoring them till it was convenient for him.

One of the examples of his character and leadership was when I experienced mechanical trouble with my truck while on a delivery route late in the day. Instead of leaving the situation to be handled the next morning, he stayed involved during late night hours to make sure I was safe and able to complete the job. Gurjeet Bath helped arrange assistance right away and stayed in contact with me throughout the situation and adjusted the schedule so the delay of the delivery would not create additional stress for me. Many companies would leave their drivers in a broken down truck on a side of the highway but he booked a hotel room for me and arranged a taxi to take me there. His concern was drivers safety and making sure we had the support I needed.

Any time a driver had a family emergency and needed time off on short notice, Gurjeet Bath would quickly rearranged routes and schedules so the person could be with their family and followed up afterward to make sure everything was okay. His actions showed that he genuinely cared about the well being of his employees and not just about business.

During my time working there, my daughter would occasionally come with me to the yard. Gurjeet was always kind to her. He would give her candies, small treats and watched her grow up. Over time, she became very attached to him and started calling him Tio Raja, his nickname he goes by. He would give her presents on her birthday, show her office tasks, and always gave her good advice about school. He also often donated funds to her softball team to help with tournament fees, jerseys and even snacks during practices. In fact, she is helping me type this letter for him to show her support for someone who has always shown her kindness.

Gurjeet Bath treated us like family. I never saw him treat his employees carelessly or without respect regardless of their position in the company. He treated everyone equally. He expected accountability but he also demonstrated it himself by holding himself to the same standard as his employees. He is a humble person and a man of principle.

We are requesting for this letter to be considered at the time of sentencing.

Sincerely,

Jose Contreras

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Mr Gurjeet Singh Bath, whom I have known personally for over 30 years. We became friends at the age of seven and have remained close despite living in different countries. Over these three decades, I have had the opportunity to observe his character consistently at different stages of his life.

From our early school days, Gurjeet demonstrated discipline and responsibility beyond his years. During group assignments, he naturally took the lead to ensure work was completed properly and on time. Even then, he encouraged accountability in others rather than simply doing everything himself. Those early leadership qualities have remained evident throughout his life.

As adults, I have witnessed those same traits in his professional conduct. On one visit to Fresno, shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic, I missed my connecting flight to Los Angeles. Despite managing a demanding schedule, Gurjeet reorganised his responsibilities, delegated tasks to his staff, and personally drove me to Los Angeles. I later learned he had slept for barely an hour before returning to work early the next morning. His willingness to inconvenience himself for a friend left a lasting impression on both me and my family.

During another visit, I observed him supervising work at his commercial vehicle garage. When a shortcut was suggested that would have saved time and money, he firmly declined, emphasising that proper standards and integrity were more important than short-term gain. That moment stood out to me because it reflected the same principles I had seen in him since childhood.

I have also witnessed his generosity. On one occasion, I saw him make a donation to a Sikh temple. When offered public recognition through a banner displaying his company's name, he respectfully declined, preferring to contribute without acknowledgement. In my view, this demonstrated sincerity rather than self-promotion.

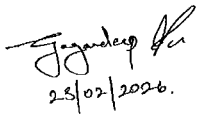
More recently, during a conference call with several of us who have been friends since childhood, Gurjeet chose to tell us about the legal situation he was facing. He was

clearly disappointed in himself and ashamed of the mistake he had made, yet he did not avoid it or speak around it. He spoke about the lessons he had taken from it and how the experience had altered his outlook on work and led him to rethink his priorities. The only fear he expressed was the possibility of being separated from his wife and children if he were incarcerated. That conversation remained with me, as it felt like someone facing up to his actions rather than attempting to protect his image.

Over many years, I have known him to be disciplined, loyal, and guided by strong moral values. Based on decades of friendship, I have every confidence that he will move forward with greater caution and responsibility.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,
Gagandeep Singh



To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Harminder Singh, and I am writing this letter on behalf of my close friend, Gurjeet Singh Bath, in connection with his upcoming court appearance. I have known Gurjeet for nearly sixteen years, since the fall of 2009 when we first met as students at the University of California, Davis. Over that time, I have developed deep respect for his character, integrity, and the way he consistently puts others before himself. Over the years, he has become like family to us. My parents, siblings and wife hold him in high regard and always welcome him warmly whenever they see him.

From the very beginning of our friendship, Gurjeet stood out as someone with strong values and a genuine sense of responsibility toward his family and community. While we were in college, I saw him perform well academically and work toward his aspiration of becoming a doctor. However, when his family experienced financial hardship, he made the selfless decision to step away from his own career goals in order to support them. That choice was not easy, but it demonstrated his maturity, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to his loved ones.

On a personal level, Gurjeet has always been someone I can depend on. During difficult periods in my own life, he has been my first call for guidance and support. He listens thoughtfully, provides honest advice, and shows up when it matters most. His loyalty and compassion are qualities that I have consistently observed over the many years I have known him. There have been countless instances where Gurjeet has shown up to be a standup guy; there are two instances for which I am always especially grateful. The first instance took place shortly after we graduated from college, when I was searching for my first job. At the time, both of us were in a difficult financial position. I had secured an opportunity in Utah, but in order to relocate, I needed to put down a housing deposit and cover initial living expenses before receiving my first paycheck. I did not have the financial means to do so. When I spoke with Gurjeet about my situation, he did not hesitate to help me. Despite his own financial challenges at the time, he lent me money so that I could secure housing and get on my feet. That support allowed me to begin my career and move forward in life at a critical moment. His willingness to help me during one of the most uncertain periods of my life is something I will never forget, and it is a kindness I can never fully repay.

The second instance involved my brother-in-law who lived in Seattle, and had purchased a truck located in Visalia but was unable to travel there in time to pick it up. He reached out to Gurjeet for help. Even though Gurjeet had an extremely demanding schedule at that time and realistically could not afford to step away from his responsibilities for several hours, he still chose to help. He took one of his drivers with him and personally drove approximately an hour each way to retrieve the truck. By the time my brother-in-law and I arrived at his yard, Gurjeet had already got annual inspection done by his mechanic, checked the systems, and even washed it so that brother-in-law could immediately be on his way without delay. This was not something he was obligated to do in any way, yet he went above and beyond simply because someone needed help.

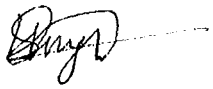
Experiences like these reflect the kind of person Gurjeet truly is. He does not just offer words, he shows up. He sacrifices his own time, energy, and resources to help others succeed and to ease their burdens when they are struggling. I have personally benefited from his generosity and support during some of the hardest times in my life. He has had made donations up to ten thousand dollar anonymously, $10,000.00 at one point, to local non-profits. He does this quietly without seeking recognition, simply because helping others is part of who he is and he prefers to stay out of the spotlight. He would never publicly speak about them himself. I only became aware of some of these contributions occasionally through conversations with him and through his wife or sisters. Gurjeet is someone who contributes positively to his community.

Gurjeet did not try to make excuses and accepts full responsibility for the matter for which he is due in court. He is fully aware of the consequences and regrets not because he must face the consequence, but because of the impact this has had on his family who are suffering alongside him. The thought of his loved ones being affected by his mistake troubles him deeply.

Aside from this matter, he is a good person who cares deeply about his family, his friends, and his responsibilities. I believe he has reflected sincerely on his actions and has the capacity to learn from this experience and continue to be a positive, law-abiding member of society. I respectfully ask the Court to consider Gurjeet's character, his history of selflessness, and the positive impact he has had on those around him when making any decisions regarding his case.

Appreciate your consideration!

Sincerely,



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Subject: Character Letter for Gurjeet Singh Bath

To Whom It May Concern,

We, Ranjeet Singh and Gurpreet Kaur Dhunna, have known Gurjeet Bath for almost 30 years. We were in school together since grade 4, later moved to the United States and finished high school together. I, Ranjeet Singh, also attended Fresno City College with him until 2010 before he continued his studies at UC Davis. During all these years, we have known him to be honest, hardworking and responsible. He has always maintained good conduct and shown respect toward others. Before this incident, he was never involved in any unlawful activities. He has supported us during our difficult times socially, financially and emotionally.

I, Ranjeet, can give a clear example of his helpful nature. Two years ago, when my cousin moved to the United States from Canada and had nowhere to stay, Gurjeet helped him financially and emotionally and even provided him a room at one of his ranches without informing me. I only found out later from my cousin, because Gurjeet does not like to take credit for helpful things he does.

Another example of his generosity is his support for children's sports activities. He has donated money to encourage youth participation and has also helped homeless individuals in Fresno by donating money to organizations that assist the homeless population. He is very knowledgeable in business and I often seek his advice. Inspired by his guidance, I began investing in real estate and now own four houses in Brampton because of the confidence and direction he gave me.

We visit him every year with our children and we are always impressed by his hospitality. Our families treat each other like blood relations. We speak on the phone at least once every week. My children call him "the best and coolest uncle."

However, we have also seen that for many years he carried significant pressure within the family business. There were strong expectations placed on growth and expansion in their family, and he often felt personally responsible for meeting those expectations to avoid conflict and keep everyone satisfied. Over time, he developed a pattern of prioritizing

approval and avoiding conflict rather than stepping back to independently reassess decisions.

The scale of what he ultimately chose to step away from is important to understand. For nearly a decade and a half, he built and operated a large business that included trucking operations, truck parking yards, diesel repair services, agricultural work, and development projects. It represented years of long hours, sacrifice and personal investment.

When he recognized that he needed to change the environment he had been operating in, he did not act impulsively. He gradually wound down the business in stages. Employees were informed in advance, and operations were closed step by step. He handled the process carefully and responsibly.

Walking away from something he worked 14 years to build was not easy and came with significant financial and personal loss. We are not presenting this as an excuse for what happened. He accepts that crossing the legal line was his responsibility alone. He understands that no expectation or pressure from anyone justifies violating the law. However, we have seen that stepping away from that environment was part of his effort to remove himself from unhealthy pressures and reset his priorities. He chose stability, reflection and personal accountability over continued expansion.

Since then, he has been more thoughtful, more measured and more independent in his decision-making. We have seen a clear change in how he approaches responsibility and the standards he now holds himself to. We respectfully request the Court to consider his overall character, his acceptance of responsibility, and the positive changes he has made when making its decision.

Ranjeet Singh Dhunna

Date: 18 Feb 2026

Gurpreet Kaur Dhunna

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Your Honor,

My name is Paramjot Bath, and I am the wife of Gurjeet Bath. I write this letter with deep respect for the Court and full awareness of the seriousness of this matter.

We have been married for eleven years and have known each other for twelve. Like any marriage, we have faced challenges, but he has always been a devoted husband and a loving, hands-on father. Today, he is the steady presence in our children's daily lives.

Late last year, I partnered with my employer to purchase a pharmacy. As the business is still in its early stages, my schedule is demanding. Gurjeet had already closed his prior business operations and now manages the ranch where we live, which allows him the flexibility to care for our children full time. Every morning, he prepares our daughter for school and drives her there. He picks her up in the afternoon, helps her with her homework and takes her to her activities, including taekwondo and horseback riding. He is present not only physically, but emotionally.

Our ten-year-old daughter is currently enrolled in the GATE, Gifted and Talented Education Program, where she is provided advanced learning opportunities, and shares everything with him (her worries, disappointments, and daily experiences). He uses everyday moments to teach her responsibility and accountability. Under his guidance, she learned at a young age how to manage simple purchases responsibly and interact respectfully with others. When she feels anxious or overwhelmed, she turns to him first. Our one-year-old son is also deeply attached to him and lights up the moment he sees his father. Their bond is constant and visible.

Years ago, when I decided to pursue my Doctor of Pharmacy degree, our daughter was only one year old. Balancing school and motherhood felt overwhelming. Gurjeet carried the weight of our household during that time. He worked, cared for our child, and supported me emotionally so I could complete my education. I would not have achieved my doctorate without his sacrifice.

Since the charges were filed, I have witnessed a profound and steady shift in him. He believes and openly says that he alone is responsible for this situation. As his wife, I know his nature well, and I have seen him wrestle honestly with his own decisions. He has acknowledged that his confidence in navigating complex business matters led him to move forward too quickly, without pausing to fully consider long-term consequences. This experience forced him to confront something he might have otherwise ignored.

One of the clearest changes I have observed is in how he now handles financial and business decisions. In the past, he managed most matters independently, including our ranch mortgage, without much discussion. Today, he brings every detail to me. He explains terms, reviews documents carefully, and asks for my perspective before

moving forward. He has told me he never wants to make significant decisions in isolation again. That transparency and shared accountability are new and meaningful changes.

I have also seen a shift in how he views ambition and success. He was always driven and hardworking. Now, when he speaks about success, he measures it by stability, honesty, and sustainability rather than rapid expansion or speed. He believes no opportunity is worth compromising integrity or moral responsibility. If something does not unfold in a way that aligns with his values, he believes it is better to pause and reassess than to force an outcome. The drive that once caused him to move quickly is now tempered by humility and caution.

When people make the common remark that illegal conduct happens all the time and that it is often just a matter of who gets caught, he does not agree. He says the issue is not about being caught, but about being wrong. He speaks about accountability rather than unfairness, and there is no bitterness in his words toward the legal process or the Court.

He has also spoken to our daughter, in an age-appropriate way, about his mistake. He has explained to our daughter that even adults can make serious errors in judgment and that being a good person means never compromising integrity or moral responsibility, regardless of pressure or opportunity. He has used his own experience as an example of why integrity must come before success. He has not shared potential sentencing outcomes with her, as he does not wish to cause fear, but he has been clear about the importance of honesty and character.

I have seen him handle stress differently now. Where he once carried pressure internally and pushed forward, he now slows down, seeks discussion, and weighs decisions more carefully. He pauses where he once would have acted quickly. These changes are not dramatic or temporary; they are reflected in his daily behavior and mindset.

Our home and family rely heavily on his daily presence. More importantly, our children rely on him emotionally. His absence during these formative years would significantly disrupt the stability they depend on.

I fully understand that consequences are necessary, and I respect the Court's responsibility to impose a sentence that reflects the seriousness of the offense. I humbly ask that the Court consider whether supervised probation, with structured oversight and accountability, would reinforce the meaningful changes already taking place while allowing him to continue fulfilling his role as a father and husband. I believe the reflection he has undergone is genuine and lasting, and I respectfully ask the Court to consider the person he is today alongside the mistake he made.

Respectfully,

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February 17, 2026

Re: Character Reference for Gurjeet Singh Bath

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as Gurjeet's sister to offer my sincere support and to share my perspective on the brother I have known my entire life. I do not speak from a brief acquaintance, but from decades of living beside him and witnessing his character in both ordinary and difficult moments.

Gurjeet and I attended UC Davis together, where we both pursued degrees in science and shared an apartment. During that time, I faced a serious health challenge that made it difficult for me to manage daily responsibilities or keep up academically. Gurjeet quietly took on everything. He cared for me, handled the household responsibilities, and adjusted his own schedule to make sure I remained stable and supported. There were times he set aside his own commitments to ensure I did not fall behind. I truly believe I would not have completed college without his help.

After graduation, I continued my education to earn my Doctor of Chiropractic degree. At that time, our parents could not afford to support all of us in higher education, and our younger sister was preparing to attend UC Davis as well. Gurjeet made the decision to pause his own academic aspirations — including his goal of pursuing medicine — so that his sisters' education would not be interrupted. He began working with our father and committed himself fully. Under his discipline and effort, the business expanded significantly year after year. He sacrificed his own ambitions so that ours could continue.

Alongside his work ethic, he carries deep affection for family. My daughters are especially attached to him. When we visit, they run to him first, play with him endlessly, and often fall asleep beside him and his daughter by the end of the night. Their natural comfort around him reflects the kind of presence he brings into a room — steady, warm, and safe.

He has also demonstrated loyalty and respect in his professional life. Many of his employees remained with him for years, some for over a decade. His company had an

unusually low employee turnover rate. Employees stayed not because they were obligated to, but because they felt valued and respected. Even today, several former employees remain close to him. His friendships have been equally enduring — from childhood, to when we first moved to America, to college, and into adulthood. Long-standing relationships have always been a consistent part of his life.

There is a guiding principle from our religious scripture that has always resonated deeply with me: “Mann Neeva, Matt Uchi.” While often translated as “keep the mind humble and the thinking elevated,” its meaning calls for living with humility regardless of success, admitting mistakes rather than protecting ego, serving others instead of seeking recognition, and holding oneself to high moral and ethical standards. These are values I have seen Gurjeet strive toward throughout his life.

The offense before the Court was wrong and there is no justification for it. Regardless of past family dynamics or patterns of seeking approval, crossing a legal boundary was his decision and his responsibility. I have seen him reflect deeply on that reality. He has not responded with denial or blame, but with humility.

This experience has changed him. He has stepped away from the business environment connected to this mistake and restructured his priorities. He speaks more about integrity than achievement and more about accountability than success. He has become more intentional in his role as a father and more reflective about the example he wants to set. I see a man who has been forced to confront his shortcomings and is choosing growth over pride.

As his sister, I cannot say he is perfect. But I can say with certainty that he is not selfish or dishonest at his core. I have seen him sacrifice his own ambitions for his family, care for me when I was at my weakest, and build relationships that last decades. I believe this mistake represents a serious chapter in his life, but it does not define the entirety of the man I have known.

Thank you for taking your time to read my prespective and I hope the Court consider the full measure of the person I have described before making its decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Gurwinder Hayer

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Prabhjot Hayer, and I have known Gurjeet Bath for approximately 11 years and 10 years his brother-in-law. I am aware of the situation that has brought him before the Court, and nothing in this letter is meant to excuse his actions. Rather, I hope to share my firsthand experience with his character and the kind of person I have known him to be particularly during some of the most critical and life-altering moments of my life.

I underwent open-heart surgery at a time when my twins were only one and a half years old. It was an extremely frightening and uncertain period for my family. With two toddlers at home and my wife overwhelmed with fear and responsibility, we had no one else to lean on. During that time, he stepped in without hesitation. He made sure my wife and children were cared for and supported while I was hospitalized and recovering. He checked in constantly and showed up physically whenever needed. He carried responsibilities that were not his own, simply because he believed family should never face hardship alone.

What makes this even more meaningful is that during this same time, he was carrying an extraordinary burden of his own. His father was battling cancer and was no longer able to work. As a result, he took on the financial responsibility of the household. He was already working long hours, but with his father unable to work, the pressure on him increased significantly. He overworked himself to keep everything afloat. Despite that immense emotional and financial strain, caring for a father with cancer and carrying the weight of providing, he still made time for us. He still drove three hours to help us move for 3 consecutive weekends. He still stood beside us during my wife's complicated pregnancy when we did not know if our twins would survive. During those fearful days, he gave us words of encouragement and strength. His mindset was steady and resilient when ours was shaken. When my children were sick, he remained present. Even under tremendous stress, he made the effort to show up.

In my experience over the years, he has always been someone who shows up for the people around him. I have known him to be dependable, compassionate, and willing to carry responsibility when others are struggling.

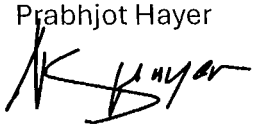
It is true that earlier in life he was extremely driven by work. He focused intensely on financial growth and providing stability. Much of that drive came from a sense of responsibility and pressure, especially as his father's health declined. However, in recent years, I have witnessed a sincere and meaningful transformation in him. He has realized

that money alone is not the purpose of life. He now prioritizes relationships, stability, and emotional presence. Where he once believed children were too young to understand absence, he now understands that presence shapes their future. He spends meaningful time with his 1-year-old and 10-year-old, actively choosing family over additional financial gain. His priorities have clearly shifted. Where his focus once revolved primarily around financial success, I have personally seen him take time away from work to reflect and focus on personal and spiritual growth. The way he now talks about self-reflection, accountability, and becoming a better person is something I had never heard from him in all the years I have known him. This is not just something he says, it is reflected in how he lives.

Through open-heart surgery, complicated pregnancies, relocation, distance, cancer in his own household, and overwhelming responsibility, he has consistently shown himself to be dependable, selfless, resilient, and capable of growth. I respectfully ask that the Court consider the full weight of what he has carried and the man he has proven himself to be: a devoted son, a committed family man, and someone who has genuinely matured in his priorities and character.

Sincerely,

Prabhjot Hayer



To the Honorable Judge,

My name is Jagjit Bath, and I am Gurjeet Bath's youngest sister. In our family, we call him "Raja," which is the name I have known him by my entire life. I respectfully submit this letter in support of my brother as the Court considers his sentencing. I ask that you consider not only the offense he has accepted responsibility for, but also the full picture of his character and the role he plays in our family.

After the COVID pandemic began, our father was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. This deeply affected our family and placed significant emotional and financial strain on Raja. He stepped forward without hesitation to support our father while continuing to lead and grow the family business. What began years earlier as temporary help in a small trucking operation evolved into long-term leadership. Through long hours and sacrifice, he expanded the business because he believed providing for family was his duty.

As his youngest sister, I have always looked up to Raja not only as my brother, but as a father figure. He guided me with honesty and practical wisdom, consistently emphasizing that decisions carry consequences and that integrity matters. The values I hold today were shaped in large part by his example.

When the pandemic created uncertainty, Raja was carrying immense responsibility; managing business pressures, our father's illness, and supporting his own young family. While this does not excuse his conduct, it provides context to that period of time. He admitted his wrongdoing related to the COVID relief funds, pled guilty, accepted full responsibility, and repaid the federal government in full. He has never denied or minimized his actions.

He has taken ownership of his actions from the beginning, and I have seen him face this period with honesty rather than defensiveness. As his sister, what I have witnessed since then has been a change that feels deeply personal. Since this matter began, the change I have observed in my brother has been personal and internal. I have seen him confront his decisions without defensiveness and speak openly about where his judgment failed. He does not minimize what happened or shift responsibility to circumstances. Instead, he speaks about it as a turning point that forced him to slow down and examine himself honestly.

What strikes me most is the humility in him now. He listens more than he speaks. He reflects before responding. The confidence that once drove him to move quickly has been replaced with caution and thoughtfulness. In conversations with our family, he talks less about achievement and more about character. He has become more intentional about being present with his wife and children and more deliberate about the example he sets for them.

This experience has not hardened him; it has softened him. I see a man who understands that success without integrity is empty. The lessons he speaks about are not abstract. They are visible in the way he carries himself, the way he communicates, and the way he prioritizes his time. As his sister, I can say that this has been a meaningful and lasting change.

Raja is a devoted husband and father. His daughter relies on him deeply for guidance and stability, and his young son is at a critical stage where a father's presence shapes security and identity. Even the time he has already spent incarcerated has had a noticeable emotional impact on his daughter. Further incarceration would impose hardship on his wife and children, who depend on his presence for emotional support, steady guidance and consistent stability.

Beyond his immediate family, Raja has consistently demonstrated compassion and strong community values. He treated every employee with dignity, whether it was a driver, dispatcher, accountant, or laborer. He provided employment opportunities to individuals experiencing homelessness because he believed in second chances. He shared food with those in need and donated to shelters without seeking recognition. When our family acquired farmland on Peach Avenue where sage was naturally grown, he chose not to remove it carelessly. Instead, he invited Native American community members to conduct a respectful ritual prior to clearing the land, reflecting his respect for culture and community.

In my sincere belief, Raja presents a very low risk of recidivism. He has shown genuine remorse, full acceptance of responsibility, repayment of restitution, and measurable personal growth. He has strong family support, stable community ties, and a renewed understanding of lawful conduct. This experience has reshaped his perspective on success and responsibility

This experience has humbled him. I respectfully ask the Court to consider his history and character, his full acceptance of responsibility, the impact on his young children, and the genuine rehabilitation I have personally witnessed. This chapter does not summarize his life. He understands the consequences and has accepted responsibility. Based on the changes he has made, I am confident this will not be repeated and he will move forward lawfully and responsibly.

I appreciate the Court's thoughtful consideration of my brother and this letter.

With respect,

Jagjit Bath

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The Honorable
United States District Court
Eastern District of California

Re: Hearing for Gurjeet Bath

Dear Judge,

My name is Avpreet Othee, and Gurjeet Bath is my brother-in-law. I have known Gurjeet since 2014. He is like a brother to me, and as a member of the family, I know him very well. Gurjeet is a helpful individual whose support has been formative in my studies, both morally and financially.

There are numerous instances I remember that demonstrate his hard work and commitment to his employees. I had a firsthand experience of this at his workplace, G.S. Bath. I was on vacation from my studies and spent over a month in Fresno, where I volunteered at the business, helping with yard chores and almond harvesting. Gurjeet treated his employees like family, and the environment was both welcoming and professional. I recall employees inviting Gurjeet to family events, which I happen to attend, showing the bonhomie and cordiality that existed among them. I made friends with many of the employees, some of whom had been with the company for many years, which speaks to the great work environment at G.S. Bath.

Gurjeet is a kind person, a loving father, and a devoted husband. Having known him for a long time, I have always admired his efforts in community service. The community kitchen is an essential aspect of the Sikh religion, and he is an active member of the Sikh community. I have personally witnessed his volunteer efforts at community kitchen events. His selfless acts of service and his commitment to the community were also demonstrated when he organized an event for the local Native American community to collect sage from his agricultural land. Learning about the event and the associated press coverage was heartwarming, and I was proud of him for his dedication to the community.

I understand that his actions were wrong, and the law must take its course. However, having known him for such a long time and being in touch with him recently, I have seen how this mistake has deeply impacted him. His regret is genuine, and it is evident in his actions and demeanor. Gurjeet's commitment to his family, employees, and community is a testament to his character and compassion for others.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Gurjeet Singh Bath

Dear Honorable Judge Jennifer L Thurston,

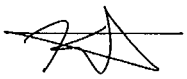
My name is Kao Saetern, and I have been a neighbor of Gurjeet Singh Bath and his family for over ten years. During that time, I have come to know them well and have always found them to be kind, welcoming, and respectful members of our community. Gurjeet and his family have consistently shown generosity and warmth, inviting us to share in important family gatherings such as birthdays and weddings. In every interaction I have had with Gurjeet, he has been courteous, considerate, and respectful.

Our daughters attend the same school where they train in taekwondo. While we were waiting for our children to finish class one evening, I shared with Gurjeet that my eldest daughter, Serenity, who is a senior in high school hopes to pursue a career in nursing or pharmacy. Gurjeet mentioned that his wife had recently purchased a pharmacy and offered to ask his wife if my daughter could shadow her. He called his wife at that very moment and arranged everything. My wife and I are at work in the mornings, and they even graciously picked my daughter up for the next few days so she could gain that experience. His wife kindly allowed my oldest daughter to shadow her at work as a pharmacist for several days. This experience was incredibly meaningful for my daughter and gave her valuable insight into the profession. Our family is truly thankful for their kindness and willingness to mentor and encourage her.

Gurjeet extends the same kindness and respect he shows my family to all of our neighbors. He takes the time to engage in meaningful conversations and maintains genuine relationships within our community. Most times I see him, he is accompanied by his children, reflecting the priority he places on being a present and involved father. On many occasions, he has thoughtfully come to our door to share homemade Indian food with us and with others on our street. It speaks to the type of neighbor he is that he is widely respected and appreciated by everyone in our neighborhood.

It has been a comfort to have such a caring and dependable neighbor. Gurjeet has always demonstrated strong character and a genuine concern for those around him. I respectfully ask that you consider this letter as a sincere expression of my support for Gurjeet.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable United States District Judge Jennifer L. Thurston
In Regards to Gurjeet Singh Bath

Dear Judge Thurston,

My name is Sara Mckillip, General Manager for the past 12 years of Fifth Wheel Truck Stop. I am writing on behalf of Gurjeet Singh Bath whom I have known for most of those years, as a business customer and patron of our fuel stop.

During this time Mr. Bath and his drivers were a pleasure to do business with. A company is a mirror of its leader. The professionalism of his staff, the organization of his operation and the way he handled financial responsibility points to the kind of character he brought to his work. Communication was clear and complete and there were hardly any issues with payment. His reliability and the trust he built with our business kept things running smoothly. We saw Mr. Bath daily and enjoyed swapping work stories. He always approached my staff and I with a smile and good humor.

There were times when the company experienced cash flow issues. Mr. Bath always reached out before we were even aware of a problem. He made payments as he was able to and kept us informed until the balance was resolved. We always knew where things stood and he proved to be someone we could trust.

After their operations shut down there was still an outstanding balance of $15,931.44. I have seen it over years that many companies stop answering calls when this happens. Mr. Bath did the opposite. He worked out a payment plan and paid the balance in full over five months without any excuses. That level of communication and trust is not something we see often and it left a strong impression on us.

I believe Mr. Bath has shown responsibility in the way he handled his business with us. Even when money was tight he stayed in contact and followed through on paying what was owed. In our line of work we often see companies avoid their obligations when times get hard but he did not do that. That showed integrity and accountability on a personal level.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for considering my experience with him before deciding on his sentence.

Respectfully,

Sara Mckillip

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February 23, 2026

Regarding: Gurjeet Singh Bath

The Honorable Judge Jennifer Thurston,

My name is Russ Fowler, I am a volunteer chaplain with the Fresno County Sheriff's department. I do chapel and pod work in the jail downtown and have been involved with this ministry for over 18 years. Also I volunteer as a mentor to guys in the Fresno Rescue Mission program. I retired four years ago from my day job as Operations Manager for Professional Print & Mail downtown where I had been employed for 32 years.

I met Gurjeet in October 2024 while he was in Fresno County Jail. He stood out as someone who did not belong there. Gurjeet asked a lot of questions about our ministry to inmates and what they needed. At one point he said when he got out he wanted to help in any way he could. When he was released he followed through and got ahold of me. He found out that I had been spending my own money to provide religious materials to inmates for their spiritual needs and that these funds were not coming from our program. After his release in November 2024 Gurjeet began donating so that the ministry expenses are covered. From time to time he calls me to make sure I have not run out of funds. He believes that faith is often the one thing inmates can hold on to that encourages positive behavior and help them reflect on their actions to become better people while they are cut off from the outside world. As time went on we became friends and I have been able to learn more about Sikh religion and traditions from my conversations with him. He even invited me to a ceremony at his home where I met his family, friends and Holy Leaders. Gurjeet is a hard working business owner who goes out of his way to help and encourage others.

In my many years of ministry I have only felt compelled to write three other letters for men that I felt this strongly about. He is working toward becoming a better person by doing his best to make things right and truly goes out of his way to help others around him. I believe Gurjeet should be given the chance to put this matter behind him and move forward.

Thank you,

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