March 7, 2025

The Honorable Richard D. Bennett
Case No. RDB-23-210
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Judge Bennett:

I am writing to offer my support for David Epstein whom I have known for over 10 years. At first David was an acquaintance and more recently we have been working together over the past year. David asked me to provide this character reference to assist in your consideration of his current situation.

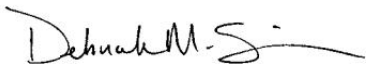
David was the owner/operator of PEI, a staffing company and we first met through our mutual lender by attending various events held by the lender. These events were invitation only, so there was a level of comfort in meeting people. I understood that David ran a good company and that he was successful. Our relationship has been built on this shared commitment to success, and I have always found him to be dedicated to that success and to providing for his family.

As you may know, David is a consultant to my business, and we rely on his expertise to help support our Mid-Atlantic office. His ability to work is crucial to his ability to earn a livelihood and support his family. Without the capacity to work, David will face additional financial hardship, and this would have a detrimental effect not only on his personal well-being but also on his ability to conduct business.

Given the circumstances, I respectfully request that you consider the importance of David's ability to continue working and earning an income, which I believe is essential for his livelihood and stability. Being at home and able to manage the responsibilities of work will allow David to maintain his professional commitments and continue contributing to society in a meaningful way.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,



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