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The Honorable Richard D. Bennett
United States District Judge
United States District Court for the District of Maryland
101 W. Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Character Letter in Support of David Epstein
Case No. RDB-23-210

Dear Judge Bennett,

I am writing to provide a character reference for my brother-in-law, David Epstein, whom I have known for over 25 years. While I fully recognize the seriousness of the charges against him, I also hope to shed light on the man behind these circumstances—someone who has dedicated his life to his family, his community, and the well-being of those around him.

David has always been a provider—not just for his own family but for the countless men and women he has supported through his staffing business and community involvement. He has created hundreds of jobs and opportunities for hardworking local individuals who help feed, supply, clean, and protect Baltimore. From the food in cafeterias to the deliveries that reach homes and businesses, from the roads we drive on to the events and attractions that bring the city together, David's contributions have quietly supported the daily lives and economic growth of many in Baltimore.

Beyond his professional life, David is a devoted father, husband, and friend. He treats everyone in his life as though they are special, always showing kindness and generosity. He and my sister, Danielle, have built a family together, raising two incredible children, Jack and Sophie.

His son, Jack, a thriving student at Towson University, hopes to take his education to the next level as he enters a professional career. Unfortunately, Jack also suffers from a rare genetic liver disorder, a condition that has placed significant emotional and financial strain on their family. Jack is unfortunately at the mercy of this illness that often results in unpredictable extended hospital stays, requiring David and Danielle to be at his side and at his doctor's reach.

His daughter, Sophie, a high school student, is an aspiring softball player, working tirelessly toward her dream of competing at the collegiate level. Through it all, David has remained a dedicated father, providing unwavering love and encouragement, joining her for every practice, every game, every moment of triumph and defeat, ensuring she has the confidence and opportunity to pursue

her dreams. The absence of her father during such a formative time in her life would be heartbreaking, taking away the man who has always been her guiding force.

Danielle, my sister, a loving and supporting wife of 24 years, has already suffered deeply due to these unfortunate circumstances - battling severe clinical depression as her mental health was in sharp decline while watching their lives turn upside down. As she remains cautiously hopeful that David, the family's sole earner, will be at her side to continue to keep their family going, you are in the ultimate position to deliver such fate.

In addition to the legal consequences he faces, David has already suffered profound reputational harm. The public scrutiny surrounding this case has dismantled the career and legacy he spent decades building, leaving him to pick up the broken pieces while still trying to provide for his family.

His ability to work, to support his wife and children, and to move forward has been severely impacted. Taking him away from his home at this fragile time would not only punish him but would more importantly devastate the innocent lives that depend on him—his wife, who has already endured so much emotional pain, and his children, who rely on him as their sole provider and source of stability and care.

David is not just a case number and defendant who may tip the scales of justice. He has spent decades as an upstanding member of the Baltimore community, always helping those in need, and now he finds himself in a position where he, too, needs compassion and understanding.

David has made mistakes, and he does not shy away from taking responsibility for them. He deeply regrets his actions and is committed to making amends. But I ask that you also consider the totality of his character—the decades of hard work, the countless people he has helped and employed, and the family that depends on him.

David is not a hardened criminal; David is a man who made poor choices during a difficult time, and he is eager to move forward in a way that allows him to continue contributing to his community and caring for his family.

I respectfully ask that you consider leniency in sentencing, allowing David the opportunity to continue supporting his family and rebuilding his life. Your Honor, Judge Bennet, I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



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