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The Honorable Richard D. Bennett
United States District Judge
101 W. Lombard Street
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Re: Character Letter for David Epstein – Case No. RDB-23-210

Dear Judge Bennett,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my cousin, David Epstein, whom I have known my entire life. I felt compelled to write to you in an effort to give you a glimpse into the real David Epstein that have been blessed to know over the past 42 years, as opposed to the David Epstein that has been painted in the case before you. I have never once seen him act dishonestly, betray a trust, or take an easy way out of a difficult situation. David has always carried himself with integrity, responsibility, and an unwavering commitment to his family and community.

From a young age, David shouldered the immense responsibility of helping to run his family's business, ensuring that not only his immediate family but also his extended family were cared for. He never once complained about the pressures placed upon him but rather embraced them, taking pride in being a provider, a leader, and a source of strength for those who depended on him.

David is a devoted husband to his wife (his college sweetheart), and an exceptional father to his two beautiful children, whom he loves deeply and spends countless hours nurturing, guiding, and supporting. He has instilled in them the same values of hard work, honesty, and kindness that he has always embodied. His family loves him dearly and desperately needs him by their side, as he is their rock—the one they turn to for guidance, support, and love.

Beyond his role as a dedicated husband and father, David is a man of deep faith. I have personally witnessed him practice his beliefs with sincerity, treating others with kindness, loyalty, and respect. He has always remained faithful—not just to his religion, but to his

wife, his parents, his grandparents, his children, and his extended family. His faith is a guiding force in his life, shaping him into the honorable man that he is today.

While I recognize the gravity of the situation before him, I also know with certainty that this moment is not reflective of the man I have always known him to be. David has never had any prior issues with the law, and his track record as a responsible, loving, and hardworking individual speaks volumes about his true character. He is a leader in his family and his community, someone who consistently puts others before himself.

I respectfully ask that you take into account the entirety of David's life, the positive impact he has had on those around him, and the vital role he plays in his family. I hope that mercy can be extended to him, allowing him the opportunity to continue being the devoted husband, father, son, cousin, and friend that we all know and love.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Rubin, Esq.