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Honorable John W. Sedwick
United States District Court Judge
222 W. 7th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99513

Re: William Bobrick
Case Number: 3:07-cr-00062-JWS

Dear Judge Sedwick,

I am writing on behalf of William Bobrick, who is scheduled for sentencing on November 27, 2007 after pleading guilty to illegal acts in connection with helping facilitate payments to Representative Tom Anderson. Like many others, I was shocked and saddened when I learned of Bill's involvement in the illegal activities. I learned that Bill had made a terrible mistake from Bill himself. He sought me out after a public meeting on the Hillside District Plan, which we had both attended, to personally explain to me that that he had made a terrible mistake, which I would hear more about over the coming weeks and months, and that he was going to take responsibility for his actions, do the right thing and pay his price to society. I was humbled by Bill's honesty and his contrition. It has been difficult to see and read about everything he has been going through over the past several months. While I recognize that Bill committed a serious crime, I am also proud of him for taking responsibility for his actions and for cooperating with the government in the investigation and trial.

I have known Bill on a personal and professional level for over 20 years. I am a life-long Alaskan, and after living in Juneau for several years after college I returned to my hometown, Anchorage, to pursue my career and also to become more involved in local issues and the political process. I recall Bill's involvement with the Alaska Health Project, as I was working at the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation at the time and interacted regularly with the Health Project. I also met Bill on many occasions over the years at political events and at fundraisers for local charitable organizations, many of which he hosted. I was always impressed with Bill's knowledge of local and national politics, and with his passion for social causes. It was always evident that Bill not only cared about the social causes, he put his feelings to action by contributing his time, money and knowledge to help organizations better serve their clients and the community. It was through Bill that I became inspired to contribute to many local non-profit organizations, including Standing Together Against Rape (STAR), the Alaska Center for the Environment (ACE) and Trustees for Alaska.

More recently, I worked with Bill when he provided pro bono consulting to The Rainbow Connection, Anchorage's therapeutic horseback riding program for children and adults with disabilities. I have been on Rainbow Connection's Board of Directors for many

years, and currently serve as board secretary. In mid-2005 I approached Bill about possibly hiring him to provide assistance to the board in our pursuit of a municipal ballot proposition to acquire a lease on municipal land and build a year-round therapeutic riding facility. Bill was familiar with the organization, and without a moment's hesitation he offered to help Rainbow Connection at no charge, because he believed in the organization's mission and wanted to contribute to its success. I distinctly remember Bill telling me and the entire board that he wanted to help us because it was not a job to him, it was part of who he is and he wanted to help make life better for children and adults with disabilities. True to his word, Bill went on to provide immeasurable assistance to Rainbow Connection over many months, and it was largely with his help that Ballot Proposition 8 passed in the April 2007 municipal election. He helped us coordinate with the Anchorage Horse Council and plan for an innovative cooperative effort in developing Proposition 8, he taught us how to successfully inform and negotiate with local elected officials to get Proposition 8 on the 2007 ballot, and he helped us organize and implement a successful public information campaign for the ballot proposition.

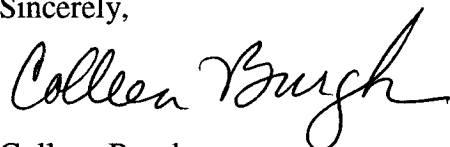
Over the past 2 ½ years, Bill has never turned down an opportunity to help Rainbow Connection, both during the Proposition 8 campaign and also with our annual fundraiser, The Cowboy Ball, which is held every spring. Bill has always delivered on his commitments to help. Most of all, Bill has always provided assistance to The Rainbow Connection with the utmost integrity and always with the best interests of the organization and our clients in mind.

I understand that there are options for Bill's punishment for his illegal actions. If there is any way that Bill could stay in Anchorage and serve part or all of his punishment by providing community service, I ask you to consider this. Non-profit organizations here desperately need Bill's experience and leadership to help make Anchorage a better place. I personally would like Bill to continue to work with Rainbow Connection to help us provide better service to our clients and to help us realize a year-round facility at Section 16. We currently have an inexperienced board, and we are looking for someone to provide board training and help us be more effective in delivering our therapeutic riding program. I think Bill could be a tremendous help to us.

I know Bill feels terrible about the mistake he made. I also know he is ready to accept punishment for his actions. I am asking that you consider allowing Bill to stay here and provide needed assistance to non-profit organizations that could benefit from his expertise and his personal passion to make lives better.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,



Colleen Burgh

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