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The Honorable John W. Sedwick United States District Court Judge 222 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Anchorage, Alaska 99513

Case No. 3:07-cr-00062-JWS

Dear Judge Sedwick,

I write this letter to provide you with my opinion of the character of Mr. Bill Bobrick, who has recently been convicted of conspiracy to bribe a state politician.

Mr. Bobrick introduced himself to me in May 2001, when I began my duties as an Assembly member for the Municipality of Anchorage. Because Bill was frequently hired to lobby members of the assembly, I met with him and with his clients a number of times. There was never an instance when I even suspected Mr. Bobrick of so much as twisting the truth in order to gain something for himself or his client. He was also extremely professional at every meeting.

I came to like and respect Mr. Bobrick very much over the course of those six years I served on the Assembly. He's one of the most respectful and courteous individuals I've ever known. He shows genuine respect not only for his fellow humans, but for God's other creatures, as well. I vividly recall when Mr. Bobrick's wife told me how Bill had trapped a mouse in their home that week and, rather than kill it, he drove it far out of town and released it. He has a very big heart and is a gentle man—as well as a gentleman.

When Bill called me to confess to having made a serious mistake, his greatest concern was that I believe that he had done nothing illegal or in bad faith in his dealings with me or any other assembly members. He expressed genuine remorse, told me that he had no one but himself to blame, that he had used poor judgment, and that he planned to take responsibility for his actions and own up to his mistakes. "That's the right thing to do", he told me.

Bill Bobrick has contributed a great deal of his time and resources within the Anchorage community—particularly to STAR. I also remember when he flew to New York City to assist after the 9/11 attacks. I have every reason to believe that he will continue to give to other, because that is who he is.

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Bill's willingness to take responsibility for his actions from the very beginning shows a depth of character I find very rare in individuals these days. He wants to redeem himself in the eyes of his family and his friends and earn back their respect. Their opinions of him are of utmost importance to him and, in my opinion, he would do nothing to betray their trust while serving his sentence. He wants to serve his time and move on with his life. I have always found him to be trustworthy in his dealings with me and I believe him. Although he is not a signatory to this letter, my husband, R. Brock Shamberg, who knows Bill slightly less well than I, feels the same as I do.

When the time comes to sentence Mr. Bobrick, I highly recommend home confinement and/or community service. Bill has a lot to give to our community and would be happy to continue to do so as he has in the past. Allowing him to share his talents would greatly benefit Anchorage. To lock him away would be truly wasteful.

Sincerely,

Janice Shamberg Anchorage Assembly 2001-2007