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Hon. John Sedwick
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Dear Judge Sedwick,

This letter is in regards to the sentencing of William Bobrick who has pled guilty to conspiracy to commit extortion and bribery.

I have been in Alaska over 27 years working in the area of disability services and am currently the CEO of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

I first met Bill over 25 years ago when, as a young attorney, I was working for a small non profit representing people with developmental disabilities. We were trying to convince the legislature to fund community services in order to close the Harborview Developmental Center in Valdez. A group of parents and consumers had formed to work the issue but none of us had the faintest idea how to participate in the political process. We were able to retain Bill on a very small contract to educate us on how to have our voices heard in Juneau.

Bill engaged this group with an enthusiasm and commitment far beyond the value of the contract. His passion for the political process as the cornerstone of our democracy was contagious and inspiring. He clearly relished the role of helping regular citizens learn how to participate in the process. He convinced everyday moms and dads that they could indeed have their voices heard by giving them concrete examples of how to present their thoughts and performed endless role plays with them until they were comfortable enough to go to Juneau on their own. He was so comfortable with the consumers themselves that they were soon put at ease and came to believe that they too could and in fact must participate as well. Although partisan at heart, he stressed that human rights and dignity were not Republican or Democratic issues but touched everyone. He helped us develop the theme that community services were the key to full participation in society and the "Key Campaign", which continues to this day under that name, was born.

Those first years set the stage for what was to become a 15 year effort that culminated in the establishment of a continuum of services in the community and the closure of Harborview. Perhaps more importantly, it engaged a whole new group of Alaskans in the political process. Surely others could have imparted the same information but Bill believed in the parents and consumers and what they were attempting to accomplish and

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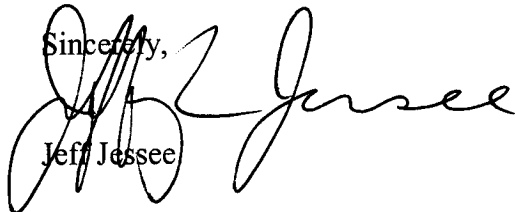
caused them to believe in themselves as well. For many years after the contract was long gone, Bill was always ready to give a workshop, work on political strategy and inspire the troops.

Over the years, Bill and I became good friends. I relied on him for political advice and mentoring. I saw him apply the same commitment to other worthy causes from domestic violence shelters to homelessness. He used to say that his "paying" clients enabled him to help his "real" clients to help themselves. During the settlement of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Lands litigation and legislation, Bill, often with little or no compensation, was instrumental in setting the political strategy that led to our ultimate success. In all those years, it was Bill's integrity and loyalty that set him apart from all the other political creatures of the time.

What a bitter blow it was to get the call from Bill apologizing for what he had done after the news was released. I cannot imagine how hard it was for him to make those dozens if not hundreds of calls to colleagues, friends and family to confess his transgressions but you could hear it in his voice. That these offenses struck at the very core of what we all knew Bill to be as a person and a professional was even more stunning. I was not surprised however that he had immediately begun to cooperate with the FBI. He had not become a different person, just one that had made terrible errors in judgment and recognized that he would have to take responsibility for the consequences. It was painful to see Bill go out of his way, on those rare times you could get him out of the house, to approach people he knew and apologize for his actions and the embarrassment that he felt he had caused them. I witnessed this painful scene many times but Bill never shirked what he saw as his responsibility to those he had disappointed.

There is no doubt that Bill owes a heavy debt to society. His actions have helped to further undermine the confidence of the citizens in their representatives. However, his willingness to accept responsibility for his actions and see that justice prevailed speaks to his potential for redemption as well. In my opinion, Bill's debt would best be paid in the currency of public service. Bill has a long and distinguished history of public service and there are many organizations that could benefit from his help. I would encourage the court to consider this as an appropriate sentence in this case.

Sincerely,



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