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Honorable John W. Sedwick United States District Court Judge 222 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Anchorage, Alaska 99513 Re: William Bobrick Case # 3:07-cr-00062-JWS

## Dear Judge Sedwick:

I am a lifelong resident of Alaska and I am writing on behalf of William (Bill) Bobrick, whom I have known since 1998. About a year after I met Bill we engaged him as a lobbyist for our company. At that time, I was serving as vice president of external affairs for Williams Alaska Petroleum, owner of a refinery at North Pole, Alaska, and of a large terminal facility at the Port of Anchorage situated below Government Hill.

I had noticed Bill at a number of Anchorage Assembly meetings and Government Hill Community Council (GHCC) meetings during a time our company had a strained relationship with GHCC and the resident of the area. Our company had plans to put in a rail loop at our Port of Anchorage facility to alleviate traffic blockages on Ocean Dock Road. But the GHCC and the residents of Government Hill were blocking our efforts because of concerns about fuel storage tanks located below their residential area at our Port facility.

Bill approached me after one of the meetings we attended and introduced himself and told me he felt he could help us gain support of the GHCC and residents of Government Hill. We hired Bill and listened to his advice and counsel. He set up a number of meetings between officials from Williams, GHCC officers, Anchorage assembly members and officials of the Municipality of Anchorage. Slowly but surely, Bill helped us develop a positive and constructive relationship with the GHCC and residents of the area.

The result of Bill's work was a historic memorandum of agreement (MOA) between Williams Alaska Petroleum and the GHCC that was signed in June of 2001. Under the agreement, Williams and GHCC set out a long term plan to work cooperatively. As a first step, Williams immediately removed three fuel storage tanks closest to the Government Hill residents and agreed any new fuel storage tanks would be built west of Ocean Dock Road, providing much greater separation from the residential area. In return, the GHCC supported Williams in our loop track project which has greatly improved traffic flow and safety on Ocean Dock Road.

During our association, I came to see Bill as a friend as well as a lobbyist for our company. Bill has a very good heart and he would on occasion ask us to support a charitable activity or event he was supporting in Anchorage. Bill always kept his word and his commitments to us. If he told us there would be a meeting on a certain day, the meeting always happened. I also felt Bill was very concerned about the well being of the residents of Government Hill and that he realized he was performing a very important service for both our company and the residents.

I have talked to Bill several times since his indictment and plea bargain. I realize that Bill has committed a serious crime, but a friend is a friend and you support him without supporting his actions. In my first conversation with Bill once the story was publicized, he acknowledged he had done something very wrong. He expressed great remorse and was sorry he had done something so wrong and in so doing disappointing himself, his family and his friends. Our conversation was very emotional, and there was no question about Bill's remorse. He thanked me for calling him and asked for my continued support and friendship, which I gladly give to Bill.

I do not feel Bill needs a prison sentence. Bill has demonstrated true remorse and I feel he can pay his debt to society but using his many talents to serve others in the Anchorage community. As part of his sentence, Bill could provide advice and council to groups such as the Government Hill Community Council. The agreement he helped our company develop with GHCC is still in effect and is a model for community/business cooperation. I believe Bill also has supported a number of other charitable groups in Anchorage, and he could provide volunteer service to some of those groups. Bill could possibly speak to groups about what he did and why it was wrong, thereby emphasizing the importance of high moral and ethical behavior at all time.

I would be pleased to answer any questions about my relationship with Bill and my comments contained in this letter. I can be reached during the day at (907) 488-5104 and in the evenings/weekends at (907) 457-6066.

Sincerely,

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