

Rhonda Roberts  
2520 Resolution Dr.  
Anchorage, AK 99517  
October 21, 2007

Hon. John W. Sedwick  
United States District Court Judge  
222 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99513

Dear Judge Sedwick:

I am writing on behalf of William Bobrick. The case number is 3:07-cr-00062-JWS.

I met Bill Bobrick when I came to Alaska in 1980 and became involved in Democratic politics. We became friends when we both volunteered on many campaigns and were active in the Democratic Party. I know Bill has committed a very serious crime but I think he is capable of and committed to once again becoming a valuable member of Alaska society.

In 1991 when I was chair of the Alaska Democratic Party I ask Bill if he would be the executive director. He agreed and worked with me until the end of my term in January 1993. He was the only employee of the party and had responsibility for all of the operations including working with the National Democratic Party, the State Executive Committee, the State Central Committee, all Democratic legislators and candidates. He was also responsible for handling all of our funds which included making sure that we complied with all APOC and FCC rules and reporting.

I had complete confidence and trust in Bill. There was a great deal of responsibility and not much pay. He took the job because he was my friend and because he believes the work of the Democratic Party is important.

In 1993 when Bill joined the board of Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) he suggested I get involved since violence against women was an issue that we both felt strongly about. I resisted until Bill became chair. Bill worked very hard on the STAR board and especially as chair. He recruited board members he knew were dedicated to the goals of STAR and had the desire to raise money for the programs. Under his leadership, STAR flourished and expanded their role in the community and Alaska. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) was formed. SART brings together all professionals who deal with sexual assault victims under one roof. Now a victim no longer has to relive the assault four or five times to police, nurse, doctor, counselor, and prosecutor. All the professionals are brought together with the victim at the

same time in a special unit at the hospital. This is much less traumatic for the victim and has greatly improved the relationship between victim and law enforcement.

The Board was very active. All the members participated in the meetings and projects and I feel that this is because of Bill. He was so dedicated and driven to the mission of STAR, it was contagious for the Board.

Bill called me after he pleaded guilty. He apologized to me as his friend. He told me that he knew he had committed a very serious crime and that he had let his family, friends, clients and the citizens of Alaska down by participating in illegal acts. He acknowledged that he had done things that he was ashamed of and had been so depressed that he had actually thought about taking his life. However, he had gotten past that and knew that he has an obligation to pay for his crime.

I asked him about his plans for the future after he completes his sentence, whatever that might be. I thought he might leave Alaska. His wife is in medical school and they could move almost anywhere and start over. Bill said that Alaska is his home and he intends to stay here. He said he is going to prove that he is a good person who made a terrible mistake. He said that it wouldn't be easy to get everyone's trust back but that he was going to work hard again on the things that are really important in life—the trust and love of his family and friends and making people's lives better. He told me that he had lost sight of these things and headed down a path that he was truly sorry for.

I think this has been a wakeup call for Bill. He realizes the severity of his actions. I know from working with Bill on the STAR Board and at the Democratic Party that he has empathy for people and their problems. He has worked very hard in the past to improve people's lives and from what he told me, that is what he plans to do in the future. He has the experience and ability to do that and I believe him. In all the years that I have known and worked with Bill, I have never known him to not keep his word or not follow through with what he said he would do.

For these reasons, I think society would be best served by sentencing him to community service. There are many groups in Anchorage that need help. With his experience at non-profits I think he has skills that could make an impact. By sentencing him to community service, many will benefit; by sentencing him to prison only Bill will benefit from his punishment.

Sincerely,

  
Rhonda Roberts

Exhibit 36  
Page 2 of 2