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

Dear Judge Sedwick,

Thank you for this opportunity to address you concerning the case of Bill Bobrick. I have known Bill for the last 20 years and our association has occurred in two different contexts – Bill's presidency of Standing Together Against Rape and his generosity to good causes while he was a lobbyist working with the Anchorage Assembly.

As a previous Executive Director for the Alaska Women's Resource Center, I can tell you that Bill was a jewel in his work at STAR. Few social service agencies have such active and dedicated presidents. Bill was particularly effective in his recruitment and retention of a talented and dedicated board of directors. Many board presidents palm this work off onto their staff members. But Bill truly believes in Star's mission and he personally recruited new board members who shared his belief in the mission of assisting victims of sexual assault. The power of this kind of effort is not easily measured. It is invaluable to a non-profit agency such as STAR.

Over the years, my work at the Alaska Women's Resource Center and various volunteer activities on behalf of the Human Services Coalition brought me into contact with the Anchorage Assembly. At this time, Bill was a lobbyist working for clients with interests in front of the Assembly. Bills' generosity in educating and informing those of us who could not afford paid lobbyists was generous and sincere. It's not that he lobbied for us; it's the fact that he helped us to understand what would be required to make effective presentations before the Assembly. Again, this kind of assistance and appreciation of our needs was rare. Bill could always be counted upon.

I have spoken to Bill since the news broke about his involvement with Tom Anderson. Bill has not tried to make excuses for his actions. Rather, he has been candid about the fact that he made a terrible mistake for which he is genuinely sorry. And he has apologized to me as one of the people for whom his actions may have tainted our previous history. There is no doubt about that fact that he regrets his actions, is willing to make restitution for them, and can be counted upon to do so.

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I do not possess the wisdom to say what Bill's punishment should be. I do know that he acknowledges the seriousness of his behavior, is truly regretful for that behavior and recognizes that his fate rests with the court. I would hope that Bill's sentence does not involve jail time, but rather would require him to use his talents to the benefit of the community and the non-profit organizations which serve our community. Frankly, it is not so easy to help social service agencies in today's climate. Nearly all of them are suffering from the difficulty in recruiting active board members and the competition in raising funds. Requiring Bill to perform this kind of service to the community would not be an easy-pass. But it would require him to make amends for his past behavior and would benefit segments of our society which are greatly in need of help.

Sincerely,



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