UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

14 Cr. 34 (RMB)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-against-

DINESH D'SOUZA,

Defendant.

EXHIBITS TO THE SENTENCING MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF DINESH D'SOUZA

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Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

> Re: <u>United States v. Dinesh D'Souza</u> 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman:

When I think about what I did, I am filled with a sense of sheer frustration, exasperation and regret. I cannot believe how stupid I was, how careless, and how irresponsible. I keep going back and trying to envision how I ended up here, asking myself, "What were you thinking?" I know that I was swamped, I know that Wendy Long was imploring me to help her campaign that was struggling financially, and I know that I should have called a lawyer and figured out a legal way to help her. Instead I took a short-cut, knowing that there was a campaign limit and trying to get around the limit.

I have already paid a price for this behavior in having the FBI investigate me, having handcuffs behind my back and being exposed to public disgrace and embarrassment. My credibility as a public figure who has consistently championed following the law has been questioned, and I am the one who gave them the fodder to do this. I have always known that actions, good and bad, have consequences, and this sorry attempt to evade and exceed the campaign finance limit is no exception. I did something wrong, and I deserve to be held accountable.

At the same time, I want you to recognize that this was a completely aberrant act on the part of a person who respects and follows the law, who has never done anything like this before, and I assure you will never do anything like this again. I allowed my affection for Wendy Long and my desire to help her in a difficult situation to over-ride my good judgment and regard for the law. This should not have happened, and I am ashamed and contrite that it did happen.

I ask that you recognize that my motives here were not self-serving, that I am willing—even eager—to make amends for what I did. I realize that you have the power to send me to prison, but since I am no danger to the community, and there is a zero chance that I would do this again, no good purpose would be served by locking me up.

Rather, I urge that you give me community service. I am in touch with several service projects in southern California, where I live. Attached are a couple of letters from organizations that would be pleased to have me. I can teach afterschool class or instruct new immigrants in English or work with the Boys and Girls Club. In this way I can repay my debt to society and be of use to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Dinesh D'Souza

Wendy Stone Long 1170 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10029

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza, 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman:

I am a resident of the City of New York, a wife and a mother of two school-age children. I'm involved in home schooling now and am not practicing law, but in the past I have held various positions in public service and in private legal practice, including as a law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas and to Judge Ralph K. Winter on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

I also was the Republican and the Conservative parties' nominee for United States Senate here in New York in 2012, and it was my political campaign to which Dinesh D'Souza made the contributions that are the underlying subject of his guilty plea in your court.

Dinesh and I have been very close friends since our days at Dartmouth College together about 34 years ago. I have worked with him in political, educational, and religious efforts, but mostly, we have just been personal friends as part of a close circle of people who grew up together as undergraduates from different places and backgrounds, but who all were in search of truth and intellectual honesty when we arrived at college. Dinesh has been like a brother to me.

It is very painful to think that Dinesh could be punished for what I know was a well-intentioned effort to help me, an old friend, in advancing the ideas that he and I share in the public arena. I want to be very clear that Dinesh never asked or expected anything in return for helping my campaign and did not seek any gain from this act of pure friendship.

In fact, I am certain that his problem arose in part from his virtue of being an extremely generous person – in this case, to a fault – with others. He gives selflessly all the time, with no expectation of anything in return from anyone. He came to this country with nothing but a desire to learn and a willingness to work hard. He was gifted academically, worked very hard, and rose to the top of his class at Dartmouth. He went on to have great professional successes, and when he did, it always struck me how much he reached out to those who had not experienced his success. He has always treated other human beings, even those with whom he's had the greatest disagreements, with kindness and respect.

We have individuals among our circle of old friends who were beaten up by this world in various ways. They experienced a range of trials including family suicide, disease, alcoholism,

divorce, abuse, financial ruin, and depression. Dinesh was always there for them, as he was for me when my mother suffered for years with ALS and my siblings and I were caring for her in her completely paralyzed state, and when my father was dying after a long illness. He helped me in every way that a friend can. And he always helped others, whenever and however he could, with loans, housing, jobs, ideas, encouragement. When he experienced personal financial success, he was quick to share that with others, to encourage them to work and use the gifts they had to produce something of value. He would give gifts and loans just to help people out – again, never expecting anything in return for himself.

He is a good man, your Honor. He has admitted his mistake. He would be the first person to say this is a nation of laws and not of men. That's why he sought and gained citizenship in this country. I think his plea reflects that respect. He is truly sorry about what he did in giving these contributions to my campaign. I can see that he was just trying to help me, an old friend, in an extremely difficult political environment, to be able to make my case and make a competitive election for the voters of New York. He knows he should not have tried to help in this way, and I believe he has expressed his sincere remorse.

I hope that you will use your discretion to arrive at a sentence for him that does not involve prison. There are so many people that he has helped, and could continue to help in legal and moral ways, if he is not sent to prison. I respectfully ask you to exercise your discretion to give him the lowest possible sentence under our laws.

Thank you for this chance to address the Court.

Very truly yours,

Wendy Stone Lo



THE KING'S COLLEGE
NEW YORK CITY

July 10, 2014

Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Do.

United States v. Dinesh D'Souza

14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Eric Bennett and I am the Vice President for Student Development at The King's College in New York City. I have worked at the College since 2002; therefore, I had the opportunity to work closely with Dinesh D'Souza during his tenure as President from 2010 to 2012. While I am disappointed with Dinesh's poor judgment related to this case, I still respect him for the many positive qualities I witnessed firsthand.

My responsibility at the College requires me to make unpopular decisions from time to time regarding student situations and behavior. One particular circumstance during Dinesh's presidency incurred the anger of a student's entire family – they incited other parents and demanded that I be fired. In the face of such hostility, I met with Dinesh intending to resign.

In a manner I've never experienced before or since, Dinesh expressed his appreciation for me and his unwavering support. He helped me navigate those arduous days, standing beside me every step of the way. Of course it's difficult to express the emotional weight of a situation of this nature in a letter, but suffice it to say that Dinesh is the sole reason I am still at King's today.

Dinesh stood by me during a trying time in my professional and personal life. Therefore, I want to plead for leniency on his behalf for what are undoubtedly difficult days for him. I humbly ask that you consider giving Dinesh a sentence that does not include prison or incarceration.

In over twenty years of work in the field of education, I have known other leaders with leadership ability equivalent to Dinesh's, yet many of them lacked his good nature and humility, and few demonstrated the genuine kindness that Dinesh exhibited to me. For this reason, I ask that you impose the most lenient sentence the Court considers appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Bennett

Vice President for Student Development

The King's College - New York City

Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: <u>United States v. Dinesh D'Souza</u>
14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Danielle D'Souza and I am Dinesh D'Souza's only child. I am a rising sophomore at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire majoring in History or Classical Studies.

I can honestly say that God could not have given me a better father. His sacrificial love, exceeding dedication, and abounding kindness have impacted me more than anything in this world, aside from God's love. I considered myself a Christian throughout my childhood, but only when I was older did I fully understand who Jesus was. This was because of a phone call my father and I had this past year/my father's example.

While I was in college, after getting off the phone with my dad, I broke down and cried uncontrollably. We talked about his coming to America, his unshakeable immigrant nature, failed marriage, and how he trusted God to send him the right partner. My parents had a broken marriage for a long time and unfortunately my father did not understand my mother's abusive nature before marrying her. For this I wept for him. But then he told me that he would marry her 20 times over just to have me, because I am the joy of his life. I was immediately overtaken by emotion. I felt so undeserving of this kind of love, a love I did nothing to earn. Firstly, I am a sinner. Additionally, I do nothing for him. Yet he only suffers and gives to me. And would die for me. In a way like Jesus did.

He is an immigrant that came to this country at 17 having never been on a plane or out of India. (I am 19 and I could not imagine undertaking this). He grew up in Mumbai, India and came to America with nothing but a suitcase. He received a full scholarship to Dartmouth College through the Rotary and bussed tables at a steakhouse in order to buy necessities like toothpaste. He left his family and came here seeking the American Dream. While he has become successful in his career, he has not gotten everything he wished for/ is still the boy that left on that plane at 17. He gained things, but also lost things he could only have in India. Because he had no family here in America, his friends at Dartmouth became his family. Wendy Long was one of his first friends at Dartmouth who included him in family gatherings and treated him with kindness. I have met Wendy frequently as I grew up and have seen what a good friend she has been to him. When she asked him for help while running for the Senate in 2012

he could not refuse. I understand his giving nature and can see how my father made the mistake of giving too much to her campaign.

I acknowledge that my father is not innocent. He has pleaded guilty to his crime. However, you should know that my father regrets what he did. He has expressed his regret to me numerous times and I know that his regret is genuine. He made this mistake while not only making the documentary, "2016: Obama's America," but he was also dealing with many personal issues. A few weeks after making the mistake of violating New York's campaign finance laws my parents filed for divorce. He was very stressed during this time as my parents had been married for 20 years. He was also very sad because my mother had an affair with multiple people. This all weighed on him greatly and I can confidently say that this would impair anyone's judgment. My father has had to endure a lot of suffering in the last few years and I humbly ask that you give him a lenient sentence.

Sincerely, Danielle D'Souza

Dated 1st July 2014
Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall U.S Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

Dear Your Honour,

I am Margaret Dsouza. Dinesh DSouza is my son. As an eighty year old from my experience, I know the U.S. Justice system to be impartial and good. I am glad you are put in charge because your reputation, from what I have heard here in India ,is that your a fair and just judge irrespective of your personal beliefs or leanings. I was glad to hear that.

As a mother I ask for the lightest punishment on my son ,who is so precious to me just as most mothers are of their children. I know you have to administer this tough task and the pressures on you must be tremendous. Having lived so long I have had my fair share of pressure and of growing up in times where women were not given a chance to speak up.

I am glad of this opportunity to share my humble viewpoint.

My son has made an error and is extremely sorry for it. I hope you consider his past exemplary behavior as a son, father, citizen of the U.S.A. and an upright human being.

God bless.

Margaret dsouza.

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Mangaret D'Souza

Dated 1st July 2014
Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
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40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Respected Judge Berman,

I am, Dr Sandira D'souza, Dinesh's sister in law. I have been married to his brother Shashi for 21 years and known him for many years before we married.

He always spoke of Dinesh as a loving, caring brother and an exceptional person, who was in the United States and one he missed dearly. In the eighties we were not blessed with the great technology we have today and so they did not get an opportunity to speak or even see each other regularly as is today, so they depended on his visits to Mumbai. Inspite of the distance and the difficulties, the bond of the siblings and the families is so very strong and unshakeable.

Dinesh is very gifted person but his accomplishments have emerged out of a lot of hard work and many sacrifices. To me his most endearing qualities are his humbleness, generosity and extreme love for his family and friends.

I am quite sure that his intentions were never to break the law of the land that he so very loves, but was driven by his need to help out a friend. I have seen him being generous on so many occasions and yet he himself leads a simplistic life.

Dinesh's daughter Danielle is as gifted as her father and has grown up with staunch family values, a result of a strict yet loving environment. Dinesh remains her only emotional anchor and guide, always making decisions prioritising her welfare and needs. As his immediate family is miles away in India, it will be a blessing for us to know that she continues to enjoy the security and stability of a family.

My special request to you and your good court, is to take into consideration the circumstances under which he acted, which was under no malicious intent. He is deeply repentant about his actions and along with him we beg your forgiveness.

Honourable Judge, We plead for leniency in giving your judgement and respect your decision.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to express myself.

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Dated 7th July 2014
Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall U.S Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Respected Judge Berman,

My name is Shashi D'Souza, I am Dinesh's younger brother. We are 3 siblings. Dinesh left India to come to the USA in the late 1970's which was an extremely difficult decision. He left home at the age of 17 to come to a strange country far away from his family, at a time when communication was limited and life was tough. He worked hard and never let us know of the difficulties that he faced during the formative years of his life. At that time India had a closed economy and Dinesh left India with USD500 in his pocket.

My father was with Johnson and Johnson for most of his career. I joined the merchant navy and rose to become a Ship Captain.

We have been a very close knit family and Dinesh has been a source of pride for all of us. Dinesh has been the ideal image of the American dream where if one is willing to work hard, one can succeed.

During our growing up years Dinesh was always the mature one who helped my sister and me in our studies and guiding us with all our problems.

During my dad's illness when he had to undergo dialysis it was Dinesh who reassured them that all financial commitments would be borne by him. He has been the rock of our family.

Dinesh has a daughter who is currently in college and depends on her dad. He is the best dad, brother and son that we could ever have.

Your honour we ask that you please judge him leniently taking into account that he has never broken the law prior to this.

Capt. Shash D'souza

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Honorable Richard M. Berman

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Dear Judge Berman

I am writing as someone who has known Dinesh D'Souza for over twenty years. I first met Dinesh when he and I toured colleges and universities in the early 90's. We were debating the subject known as "political correctness". The terms of the debate were set by his best-selling book *Illiberal Education*, an attack on what he saw as a liberal-dominated academy. I was arguing the other side, and we had a great time and so, I think, did our audiences. As we toured we became good friends, in large part because of the generosity—both personal and intellectual—Dinesh extended to everyone when he was not on the stump. That to say, although Dinesh was (and is) a fierce and skillful debater, off the podium he was open, fair-minded, considerate and courteous. Even when he was in a forensic situation, he never resorted to rants, hyperbole, distortion, or defamation. He just knew more than his opponents and was better at putting together what he knew into a coherent statement. He is now applying these talents to the making of movies, with notable success. The message, with which I still disagree, is still the same and it is still being presented honestly and with conviction.

The previous paragraph attempts, inadequately, to take the measure of D'Souza the public man. Taking the measure of D'Souza the man would be a much lengthier undertaking. I would begin by noting his passion for education and his concern that students receive the best instruction possible. I would add his dedication to Christian principles, evidenced both by his tenure at The King's College and the books he has written explaining and defending Christian doctrine. And most of all I would speak of the many kindnesses I have seen him perform, the loyalty he displays as a friend, the warmth he exudes in every human interaction. He is just a good man who has, by his own admission, done a bad thing. I hope that as the court deliberates, it will give weight to the many fine things about his person and his life.

Sincerely yours,

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Stanley Fish, Davidson-Kahn Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Law at Florida International University and Visiting Florscheimer Professor at Cardozo Law School



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July 14, 2014

Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Court
South District of New York
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Jim Hanon and I'm a filmmaker from Bristol, Rhode Island. I've known Dinesh D'Souza for four years since helping him with his first film. The film industry can be a fertile environment for hubris, wherein it is easy to offend others and be offended. My deep respect for Dinesh comes out of an experience of colliding with him. While his first film was being made, I was the film's director. When my edit of the film was not what Dinesh wanted I stepped out of the project, leaving Dinesh to assume the role as the film's director with not much time before it was being released. This kind of transition involves a great deal of emotion that most often turns negative. But what I experienced from Dinesh was grace, and what I saw in him was a heart without malice. We have since worked together many times, and I am better for it.

Dinesh has pleaded guilty to his crime. It's in his character to take responsibly for his own wrongdoing. In judgement please remember grace. When he comes before you for sentencing I plead with the court to impost the most lenient sentence the court considers appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Hanon

Founder/Filmmaker

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July 9, 2014

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Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re:

United States v. Dinesh D'Souza

14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

I write you as a family friend and former intern for Dinesh D'Souza. I want to share with you the side of the person I've seen since I was a teenager. Specifically, I hope what I can share about Dinesh as a father to his daughter Danielle reflects on who he is.

In his home office in San Diego, Dinesh would keep Danielle's desk just steps away from his own. During the summer, when Danielle was home from grade school, she would spend much of the day in his office. I would marvel at the fact that even while Dinesh was working in the midst of a busy day, Danielle wouldn't hesitate to interrupt him for anything she needed.

It might be taking the dog outside. It might be taking her to visit a friend down the street. It might be explaining to her a book she was reading. No matter how busy he was, Dinesh would do his utmost to oblige his daughter. His care as a father impressed me, even though I was then a summer intern just a few years older than Danielle.

Dinesh has been tireless about his daughter's education and development. I remember how Dinesh would devote himself to tutoring Danielle in math. I attended Danielle's former school, and we would often talk about her education. He would talk with as much interest about her schooling as he did anything else. Danielle's success in earning admission to Dartmouth last year is just a small reflection of the care she received from her father over these many years.

I fully recognize the seriousness of the crime to which Dinesh has pled guilty. Nonetheless, I sincerely hope the court thoughtfully considers all sides of the person he is.

Sincerely,

Michael Hirshman

Michael Hirshman

August 7, 2014

The Honorable Richard Berman U.S. District Court Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York NY 10007

Dear Judge Berman:

I am writing on behalf of Dinesh J. D'Souza, whose case and sentencing are on your docket.

First, a little bit about myself--I am a former law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Supreme Court of the United States.; former litigator at Skadden, Arps et al., and now an author and television and radio commentator. I am a single mother, the adoptive mother of three small children, and live in Washington, DC.

I have known Dinesh since 1982, when we were both students at Dartmouth College. Almost immediately upon meeting him, I was struck by his unpretentious and diligent approach to life as an undergraduate. When other students partied at frats, Dinesh worked as a stringer for a Catholic newspaper to make a few dollars. Having come to the U.S. as a 17-year-old exchange student from India, Dinesh didn't have "spending money." He made it all himself. Classmates teased him because he possessed exactly one pair of shoes (with huge holes in the soles!) I didn't care—Dinesh was teaching me how to write a news story, edit copy, track down sources and most importantly, to stay firm in my principles.

Of course it is true that Dinesh went on to become a successful writer, lecturer and filmmaker—but his most important contribution and achievement has been raising his smart, delightful, sweet daughter Danielle. She is just about to enter her first year at her dad's alma mater, and would be devastated not to have him actively present as she navigates her new life.

Dinesh is simply one of the finest human beings I have ever met. His generosity of spirit, philanthropy, keen sense of compassion, and devotion to country are what I hope my own children exhibit when they mature into adults. Until this recent unfortunate chapter, his life had been the quintessential immigrant success story.

I understand the facts of his case and that the court takes his plea very seriously. I simply urge, during this sentencing phase, that you to consider his life in its totality—his contributions, humility, and compassion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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August 1, 2014

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

> Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Your Honor:

I am a Catholic priest and pastor in suburban Connecticut who has know Dinesh since our undergraduate days at Dartmouth, as well as when we were young appointees in the Reagan administration in the 1980s. I was his best man at his wedding in 1992 (before I was ordained) and I have been a guest in his parents' home in Mumbai, India and he was a frequent guest of my family in the Chicago area during his student days.

As one of his closest friends, I believe that this situation springs directly from his great capacity for friendship. I personally know this to be true because he helped me directly financially during a period just before ordination. Wendy Long is my Dartmouth classmate and friend as well. I know that she was very much anxious for friends to contribute to her senate campaign, and I believe she saw in Dinesh a very effective means to that end. At the same time, I believe that Dinesh who was busy about many other things was trying to help Wendy and ended up not only exercising bad judgment but also committing a crime. I also contend that a factor in all of this was the belief that at no point did any friend actually think she would win the election and that everyone was trying to act helpful and polite.

I understand that this situation is complicated by the fact that Dinesh – all partisanship aside – is one of the sharpest, smartest, and most experienced individuals in the world of politics, education, and media and should have know better. But the pressures of family and friendship are a liability in any life.

As someone who has known him since he was 17, I would like to attest to innate goodness, especially his generosity of spirit which is often in evidence at his speaking engagements at various schools and venues over the years. When he is debating a friend like the late Christopher Hitchens, he will pull no punches, but he is quite kind and constrained when addressing a suburban mother.

Also, I would you like to be aware that the breadth of his abilities and effectiveness goes far beyond politics and punditry. For instance, I am an adjunct professor of religious studies at Fairfield University in Connecticut, and in my undergraduate course I use Dinesh's two volume *Catholic Classics*, which he wrote

just out of college, to introduce students to the likes of Augustine's *Confessions*, or Aquinas' *Summa*. In twenty or so chapters, he simply and brilliantly gives students an introduction to some of the best thinkers western civilization has produced.

Your Honor, I have some basic understanding of the task before as you judge the merits of the man vs. the crime committed and the most appropriate penalty. As a pastor of 10,000 souls, as well as an employer of forty people, and as overseer of a grade school of a couple of hundred children, I am often conscious that the decisions I make affect lives. I also know that decisions have unintended consequences as well, and it is my hope that the context of this prosecution was thoroughly just. I believe that Dinesh exercised very bad judgment but did so without malice. I also admire that of all the approaches he might have taken, he chose to admit his error and to plead guilty.

I thank you for any consideration you can give at sentencing, and hope that despite all the peripheral issues that may surround a higher profile case, Dinesh is treated no differently than any other citizen in the same situation.

With gratitude for your service to our country, I am

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Michael K. Jones, S.T.D.

Pastor

Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

> Re: <u>United States v. Dinesh D'Souza</u> 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman:

As the retired Founder, President, CEO and Chairman of a very large software company (J.D. Edwards & Company: 5000+ employees, multi-national, acquired by Oracle in 2002), I have developed an ability to assess good character quickly.

While having been acquainted with Dinesh D'Souza since 1997, we have become particularly close friends in the past seven years. Upon reading his book *What's So Great About America*, I emailed him a congratulatory note. This led to our monthly breakfasts and our substantial ongoing friendship.

I have served as a minor editor of Dinesh's last three books and even edited his daughter, Danielle's book before she went off to Dartmouth College. I have been an investor in both of Dinesh's documentary films as well as the three documentary films that will be produced in 2015.

Dinesh D'Souza is a gentleman's gentleman, a man of great integrity and wisdom. I can assure you of that. His daughter's book reflects the influence of a great father. I have seen the fruits of Dinesh's labor, and it is superior. Despite Dinesh's error in judgment, one cannot deny that he is a good, good man.

When Dinesh first told me about his reckless mistake, he knew he was guilty. His loyalty to a friend caused him to be hasty.

Your Honor, even though Dinesh D'Souza has pled guilty, I would ask you to be as lenient as possible.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Richard M. Berman
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July 1, 2014

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Gerald R. Molen. I am writing on behalf of Mr. Dinesh D'Souza. I am a resident of the State of Montana and reside in the community of Bigfork, Montana. I have known Dinesh for approximately 3 1/2/ years. I first met him when he was seeking a film producer to assist him with one of his projects. I was recommended by an entertainment attorney in Los Angeles, California who had knowledge of my career and my reputation as a producer in the Hollywood community. My credits include several motion pictures of note and I won an Academy Award for Best Picture of 1993, Schindlers List.

When I first met Dinesh, I was taken with his sincerity and dedication to his work. I was familiar with some of the books he had authored and admired his body of work.

Our conversation allowed me to learn of his interests in reaching out to people through his love of history and my interest in the same subject in particular that of the 1930's and 1940's.

Our subsequent meetings gave me further insight to what I saw was a learned and highly intelligent individual with a passion for our country, its people and it's growth as a nation.

As a result of that first meeting I have produced 2 of his documentaries. The first one in 2011 and released in 2012, '2016 – Obama's America' and the most recent one, 'America-Imagine the World Without her'. I continue to be impressed by his devotion to our country, his mission to reach out to the younger generations and his goal of making the world a better place.

Rarely during the course of a lifetime does a man have the opportunity to support and serve men and women of complete integrity and dedication to the noblest of causes. I am one of those rare individuals who's been blessed with such service twice in my lifetime.

One of those opportunities came on behalf of Dinesh. I feel my relationship with him is based on honesty, integrity and trust. I know his contrition to be most sincere and his desire to move forward and continue his work on behalf of those less fortunate to be sincere and magnanimous.

It is my prayer that in your considerations and determinations you will see him as he is, a most remorseful and penitent man, determined to make amends and give service to his community. I therefore ask for leniency on his behalf.

Respectfully,

Gerald R. Molen



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> Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Donald Pease. I am a Professor of English and American Literature at Dartmouth College where I have taught since 1973. I am writing as a witness to Dinesh D'Souza's ethical and intellectual integrity.

I have known Dinesh D'Souza since 1980. He was a student in classes I taught in Modern American Drama and 19th Century Fiction, and in his senior year I directed his honors thesis project, a novel entitled Where Elephants Go to Die.

Although both undergraduate courses were quite large, Mr. D'Souza proved himself a conscientious and dedicated student in each. He wrote well-researched papers and thoughtful Blue Book responses. Moreover, during in-class dicussions. Mr. D'Souza improved the substantive quality of the conversation by engaging issues that his classmates had either overlooked or avoided.

In his Blue Book exam for *American Drama*, Mr. D'Souza wrote with insight and compassion about the seemingly irresolvable emotional dilemmas — Edmond Tyrone's need for recognition from a father he ostensibly held in contempt; Willy Loman's demand for love from the son whose trust he violated; Maggie Pollitt hopeless love for a man who despised her — that continue to enthrall theatre audiences. For the 19th century fiction course, Mr. D"Souza's selection of "theodicy" — Ahab's compulsion to justify God's ways to his crew (and to himself) — to explain the deep thematic core of *Moby-Dick* was comparably astute.

Only a handful of the undergraduates that I have taught over the last forty years have engaged the predicaments confronting these characters with Dinesh's acumen. I took it as a sign of his moral integrity that, despite his knowledge of their allure, Dinesh did not burden the characters he invented for his novel, Where Elephants Go to Die, with psychological complexities commensurate to Edmund Tyrone's or Maggie Pollitt's or Captain Ahab's. But in his novel, Mr. D'Souza did write quite movingly about a young man's desire to make good on his father's hope that sending him to America would open up opportunities that conditions in India had closed off.

Since his graduation in 1983, my communication with Mr. D'Souza was regrettably sporadic. That changed quite dramatically this past September when Dinesh e-mailed the very welcome news that his daughter, Danielle, had been accepted to Dartmouth as a member of the class of 2017. In the ten months since Danielle's matriculation, Dinesh and I have renewed our conversations about the plays and novels that brought us together thirty years earlier. During that time, I have also had occasion to marvel at the wisdom Dinesh exemplifies in his relationship with his daughter. His devotion to her exceeds even that of the father about whom he wrote so affectingly when he was an undergraduate.

As these all too brief remarks attest, I consider Dinesh D'Souza a gifted and insightful reader, a morally exemplary father, and a valued former student and friend.

Sincerely,

Donald Pease

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> Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Sonia Pourmand and I have known Dinesh for over nine years. I came into the family by marrying his ex-wife's brother.

For eight years I published a Christian business directory and last year I joined America Film LLC as an accounting manager and associate producer and had the pleasure to work with Dinesh directly onhis new film "America". Hove working with him as he has such creative mind, is passionate about his work, and allows everyone to grow into the best version of themselves. He values every individual's opinion no matter what their position is within the company. He treats people the way he wants to be treated.

I have always thought of Dinesh as an understanding, compassionate; kind, intelligent, graceful and humble man. No matter who he encounters in life, he always treats them with respect and kindness. He has a great ability to listen and provide advice. He is a man of liath and his faith has been an intricate part of his life.

During the years of getting to know the family I realized that he has been a big supporter of his exwife's family and in a way their rock in life. He was kind to them, spent a lot of family time whenever he could regardless how busy he was writing or traveling for business. He also helped them financially whenever they needed help. He is one of the most generous human beings I have met.

He has dedicated his life to education, making a difference in other people's lives, parenting, pursuit of a life that reflects dignity, love for his family, this country and his work.

Dinesh has a heart of gold and he helps people in any way he possibly can. This character and his willingness to help a friend might have contributed to his wrong doing.

He has always been a logical individual and he handles conflicts in a rational manner. He admits when he is wrong and he learns from mistakes. He has expressed his sincere regret and remorse for his pair judgment and recognizes what he did was wrong. I believe this mistake does not define who he is as a person and I have gotten to know the true Dinesh over the years and have great respect for his values and the true gentleman that he is.

I plead with the Court to consider imposing the lowest sentence permitted under the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Soma Pourmand

Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza
14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Bruce Schooley and I have known Dinesh for 15 years. We are close friends and talk everyday. We work together on film projects and have travelled together on business and vacation. I know Dinesh better than anybody, apart from his family. Here is an incident that describes Dinesh's character: In 2012 when he was President of the King's College in New York City an Áfrican American student with mild cerebral palsy walked into his office and said he was withdrawing from King's due to financial hardship. At the end of that meeting Dinesh personally wrote a check for \$10,000 to allow that student to continue his education. I mention this to show that Dinesh is fundamentally a kind and generous person. This is a trait that I have seen again and again and it defines him. Incidentally, this was at the same time he was making the last two \$10,000 donations to Wendy Long. All of these contributions came out of the same impulse, the desire to help someone in need.

Since I know Dinesh so well I can tell you why he did what he did regarding this case. His generosity got the better of him and he did something very foolish. I know for certain that he had no intention of committing a felony. He was merely trying to help a very good friend and he did it in a shortsighted and wrong way. I

also know that Dinesh's schedule at the time was truly insane. He was running a college, giving speeches around the country, and promoting a film and book. Pressed to help Wendy in any way he could, he chose the wrong way. He cannot believe he did this and he will never do it again. Dinesh has a profound love for this country and a deep respect for the law. Dinesh is a good guy with a lot to contribute to society and I cannot imagine what social benefit could be achieved by locking him up. I humbly ask that you not give him jail time but give him community service and a fine.

Sincerely,

Bruce Schooley

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Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Berman,

I am writing to request that in the sentencing phase of the case involving Dinesh D'Souza that the court impose upon him the most lenient sentence that is permitted under the law.

I have known Dinesh for two decades, primarily through a number of public debates, panels, and discussions involving religion, politics, and other controversial issues. I am the Publisher of Skeptic magazine, a monthly columnist for Scientific American, and the author of a number of science books that are occasionally at odds with Dinesh's beliefs, especially with regards to religion, but I nevertheless provided an endorsement blurb for his book on the importance of religion. That is how high in regard that I hold Dinesh D'Souza.

In fact, off all the people I have debated (dozens of prominent public intellectuals) Dinesh is the most formidable, forthright, and honest. He is unfailingly fair and polite, always courteous to me and our hosts, and even when no one is around he goes out of his way to be friendly toward me, even though we differ substantially on several issues. In other words, his character is genuine, his intentions are good, and I consider him a friend because of that. As well, our debates have occasionally involved the arrangement of honoraria by Dinesh, and he has made sure that I received the same amount as he, and that I am paid promptly, as any honest business colleague would.

In sum, I unhesitatingly affirm my respect and admiration for Dinesh D'Souza, whom I consider to be an important voice in our national conversation, and plead with the court not to sentence him to prison.

Sincerely,

Michael Shermer Publisher, Skeptic magazine Monthly columnist, Scientific American Adjunct Professor, Chapman University and Claremont Graduate University

Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

> Re: <u>United States v. Dinesh D'Souza</u> 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Madison Sparber, and I have known Dinesh D'Souza since I was five years old. His family moved to my small neighborhood in Rancho Santa Fe, California in 2000 and lived down the street from me until a couple years ago. I knew his family through his only daughter, Danielle, whom I have been close friends ever since. I spent a lot of time down at her house and throughout my childhood was treated like a family member by Dinesh.

As a child, I often traveled with the D'Souza family abroad to places such as New York, the Bahamas, Italy, France, and Spain on cruises where Dinesh would speak about politics and religion. From a very young age, Dinesh fostered an intellectual curiosity in me by posing questions about current issues to me. This led to my growing interest in foreign policy and different cultures. For example, when we were in Florence, Italy, in the summer of 2009, Dinesh brought me to late Italian writer Dante's house. Dinesh dedicated the day to teaching us about the significance of Dante and his work. On our trips he was always engaged with his family no matter how busy he was with his work.

He deeply cares about me like a dedicated father and demonstrates his love for me through his dedication to my growth. I know if I am confronted with an issue, I can always go to Dinesh for help. For example, Dinesh spent an entire day with me discussing my college options. I realized then that he wanted the best future possible for me like he would for his own daughter.

Now a sophomore studying International Relations at Boston University, with his help, I have continued my love for learning and other cultures. I continue to keep in contact with Dinesh and Danielle, who are both very important people in my life.

I am fully aware of Dinesh's crime. Although he has admitted to his wrongdoing, I still have great respect for his virtues and nature. He has never doubted my ability as an intelligent individual, and has always encouraged me to pursue God's plan for me.

I plead with the Court to consider imposing the lowest sentence permitted under the law. It should be acknowledged that while Dinesh made an unwise decision, he is a humble man who will do everything he can to redeem his actions. I have known Dinesh for most of my life, and while I am perplexed by his misconduct, I believe Dinesh has learned from this mistake. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Madison Sparber

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RE: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza

14CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

I am a retired Professor of English who has known Dinesh D'Souza, through my husband's professional connection with him, for at least fifteen years. I am writing in support of leniency in the sentencing in his upcoming case. While my husband, Stanley Fish, came to know Dinesh in a professional context, my relationship with Dinesh has been strictly social. Though as educators we have professional interests in common, it is simply as a friend that I have known him.

Over the years, Dinesh has called or e-mailed me and my husband when we've been in the same city, and we've gotten together for dinner or lunch. When he became president of King's College, he took us to an Asian restaurant near the Empire State building where the college was housed. I don't remember the subject of our conversation but, as always, we disagreed, the exchange was intense, and everyone one had a good time. That's the thing about Dinesh. He is passionately committed to his political beliefs, and at the same time, absolutely free from prejudice against people whose views are opposed to his. I am one of those people—a feminist literary critic, an advocate for opening the canon of American literature to writers not previously included, and an educational innovator, more interested in the process by which students learn than the content of their studies.

When I first met him—I believe it was at La Sardine, a Chicago restaurant near the university where my husband and I worked--I was nervous. I knew what his political positions were and didn't know how we would get along. But that

night I had a wonderful time. And ever since I have always looked forward to seeing him.

Because of our intellectual differences, I always learn something new whenever I encounter Dinesh. He is friendly, engaging, able to outline ideas with startling clarity and trenchant wit. And ever good-humored in debate. He answers your questions. He takes the time to really explain what he means. He is, essentially, a generous person, willing to give you the benefit of the doubt, willing to listen, willing to engage on your terms, and able to see the silly side of things—ready with a quip, or an ironic remark that takes the tension out of disagreement. An optimist, an entrepreneur, full of ideas and not afraid to put them into practice, he has a positive, hopeful, adventurous approach to life that is contagious. When he outlines his latest scheme, such as the one for an online college that teaches the great books which he pitched to us as our house in Delray Beach, Florida, I always find myself getting excited, even if it's not exactly my idea of what the world needs now.

Dinesh is savvy and practical as well. He knows how to get things done and will take risks in the prosecution of his aims. For all of these reasons, I admire him, but beyond that, I like him. He is courteous and considerate; he treats others with respect and doesn't give himself airs. He never forgets his humanity. In short, though I don't share his political and intellectual positions, I feel proud to know him. He has taught me how one can live in harmony—indeed, in joy--with people whose views one does not share.

Dinesh's can-do, take-charge spirit, and the enthusiasm and generosity that fuel it, seem to have led him into overreaching in the case at hand. I hope that the court will find it possible to treat him gently and, taking into consideration his good character and well-motivated intentions, spare him a prison sentence.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Tompkins

Professor Emerita of English

Duke University

Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Berman,

I write to you to offer a unique perspective about Dinesh D'Souza: I worked as his Executive Assistant for over 2 years and have a unique perspective into the conduct that led to his guilty plea.

I respectfully ask that you consider Dinesh as a man, his acts of generosity and kindness, and his intentions in engaging in the conduct that led to his guilty plea when you sentence him. In the years that I worked with Dinesh as his Executive Assistant, my appreciation and respect for Dinesh increased each day. He served not only as a kind boss who constantly looked for ways to further my own career and experiences, but also as my friend and mentor. Even in the most stressful situations, Dinesh is kindhearted, level headed, and respectful of people from every walk of life. While there is much written about Dinesh in the headlines and said by pundits on TV, those who have met and know Dinesh have a great deal of respect for him as an individual and as a professional. We know that he is remorseful and deeply regrets the actions he took which led to his guilty plea.

While at The King's College, Dinesh consistently worked day and night to achieve the goals the Trustees established. During his tenure at The King's College, admissions grew, fundraising increased, and the College's reputation improved. While the circumstances around his departure were not ideal, the staff that worked closest with Dinesh still respect him greatly to this day.

On more than one occasion, I watched Dinesh give generously to support a student or even a complete stranger. One example in particular serves as a window into the Dinesh D'Souza that I know and admire. While Dinesh was President at King's, an African American student about to begin his senior year politely contacted the President's Office about a difficult financial situation. With more than \$10,000 in unpaid bills, the student was unable to register for his final year of classes. Dinesh met with the student several times to assess the student's need and to find a solution to the student's predicament. Unable to find another solution, Dinesh used his own money to pay the student's outstanding debt and the student was able to graduate as scheduled in May 2013. How many other college presidents would take such a remarkable step with no obligation to assist this student? This is one of many examples that I can recall of Dinesh's unique generosity and service to those whom he can help.

The crime to which Dinesh pled guilty is fundamentally inconsistent with the man that I know and respect. I know that Dinesh greatly respects the American judicial system. And I know firsthand that Dinesh had no intent to corrupt the political system when he engaged in the conduct that led to his guilty plea. At worst, Dinesh's conduct was a foolish attempt to help a friend during an extremely stressful and busy time. The actions that led to his plea happened quickly and without premeditation. I believe that Dinesh was caught up in the demands of running a college, launching and promoting a film, and the desire to help a friend in her efforts to become a senator.

Dinesh has expressed his remorse and admitted his mistake to those that are closest to him. The consequences of his actions have already been felt in ways that serve as significant punishment for Dinesh. I ask you to please consider a probationary sentence, instead of a prison sentence, for Dinesh that will allow this kind-hearted and intelligent man to continue his service to others. Specifically, a probationary sentence that requires him to engage in community service and the education of others will, in my view, best serve the interests of society while deterring others from engaging in similar conduct.

It is indisputable that Dinesh has a unique platform that can serve the millions of Americans who respect his opinion and perspective, as well as countless others who respect his intellect but do not share his political views. The film that he created has been seen by millions and offers a unique perspective in the political debate. The film (and its sequel) show that Dinesh is interested in contributing to America and the preservation of the ideals that make her great.

Please allow him to use his greatest assets — public speaking and writing — to educate others in America about the importance of transparency and honesty in the election process. I firmly believe, as do hundreds of others who know Dinesh, that such a punishment is the best way for him to continue to serve society while atoning for his crime.

Sincerely,

Tyler Vawser

Dated 30th June 2014 Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

I am Mr. Alphonsus L R Viegas, the brother in law of Mr. Dinesh Dsouza.

I along with my wife and kids reside in Goa in India. I am a post graduate engineer, employed as Director — Technical with a reputed Shipping company here in India and oversee the technical operations of the company.

I have known Dinesh now for about 25 years, and have spent a lot of time together, not just when we meet either in India or on our Family visit to the USA, but on almost a daily basis with available means of communication including the phone and others regularly and in touch with each other's lives and progress.

He is more like a brother and adviser to me in a lot of ways, having welcomed me into his family more as a sibling than an in-law. He has always been an exemplary person and performer in whatever he says and does, righteous and a man of integrity. In spite of the huge successes he has achieved in his career he has always been a humble and forthright man and one who would never compromise on his integrity and Christian beliefs.

I am aware that he going through a rough period in his life, however I know with God's blessings he will learn from his mistakes.

He has made a serious lapse of judgment recently with regards to this case. I humbly implore you to give him the minimum punishment as he is a good man of very high integrity and give him the opportunity to repent and continue with his American dream.

On his behalf, I plead for mercy and the lowest sentence permitted under the law that does not include a prison term or incarceration.

Thank you.

Alphonsus Viegas

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Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

I am Nandini Viegas, the sister of Dinesh Dsouza. I reside in Goa in India. I teach speech and drama to High school children. I have a Masters degree in sociology and English as well as a degree from the trinity school of London in Communication Skills.

Dinesh, as my older sibling has been the epitome of kindness, generosity and more than anything been the rock of our family even though we reside in different continents.

From our childhood days Dinesh would teach me math's and science, both subjects being my weak points, with patience and calmness. He is as good as gold and in this case made a serious lapse of judgment letting his personal friendship with Wendy override his normally cautious behavior of always adhering to the Law.

I humbly beg you to give him the lightest punishment as he is a good man of high integrity.

The one thing I know about America, is the Justice system being exemplary and unbiased. America has been a land of free speech and we admire you'll for that.

I know God has a plan for each of us and even when we stumble he does forgive us if we are repentant. I am appealing to your wise judgment.

Dinesh is a role model to my three children and to many here in India. He stands up for what he believes and he knows he made a serious error of judgment here.

So I am appealing to your honorable justice system to please consider giving him the mildest sentencing of a fine or at most community service. I am not a judge but in my narrow and small capacity I ask you to please consider that Dinesh has No prior criminal record or even any misdemeanor so I plead for your magnamity.

Thank you and I appreciate you accepting our point of views and judgment.

Nandine Viegas Nandini Viegas

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> Re United States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Warren Viegas, and I am Dinesh D'Souza's nephew. I am a senior at Hillsdale College and I have known my uncle since I was a little kid. Some of my most memorable childhood experiences can be attributed to my uncle's acts of kindness and generosity. My relationship with my uncle grew stronger ever since I followed his footsteps and came to America, at the age of 17, just like he did. Since arriving in America, my uncle has been like a father to me, welcoming me into his home and playing an instrumental role in helping me grow both spiritually and professionally.

I understand the difficulty of immigrating to a new country at a young age. I fortunately had my uncle to help me acclimate to America, but my uncle did not have that. He has always been generous and helpful in guiding me through my college years in America.

My uncle is a very ambitious man and he works harder than anyone I've met. He has a real zest for life and learning. My uncle's endless pursuit of truth has inspired me to love learning. As someone fortunate enough to benefit from his mentorship, I can say that my uncle is a man with sound moral principles who has great respect for law and order.

Unlike most men of his stature, my uncle has always made time to spend with his family. I think back to my junior year in college when I was going through the most difficult time in my life. My uncle took time off from his very busy schedule to be with me when I most needed someone, and for that I am eternally grateful. It's in my uncle's nature to put those he loves first.

When you move to America at 17, you leave behind the world you grew up in and all those close to you. Since coming to America, apart from my uncle and cousin, my college friends became like family. From what I understand, my uncle shares this experience. Wendy Long was like a sister to my uncle. And it's in his nature to help those he loves.

I am aware of my uncle's current predicament, and his error fills him with remorse. In spite of my uncle's error in judgment, I still have utmost respect for him. Everyone makes mistakes and my uncle is not above the law. However, I plead with you to consider his virtuous nature and exemplary prior record while sentencing him. I plead

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with the Court to impose the most lenient sentence permitted under the law.

Sincerely, Warren Viegas

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> Re: Unites States v. Dinesh D'Souza 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Dear Judge Berman,

My name is Beth Wexler. I live in Rancho Santa Fe, California with my husband, Richard and our daughter Madison. We have lived here since 1987. I grew up in the area. My family has been in Escondido since the 1920's. I graduated from San Diego State University in 1977 with a BS and a teaching credential. I taught school for several years. In 1978 I went to work for a newspaper, The San Diego Reader. I was an account executive for 32 years. I retired in 2010 to be able to help my Father after my Mother passed away.

I first met Dinesh and his family in 1999. They had moved to our area from the East Coast. We were thrilled to have new neighbors who had a daughter. We were in a neighborhood with all boys so it was exciting to have a girl that was Madison's age. I introduced myself right away. We all hit it off immediately. I could tell they were a very friendly, warm and interesting family. Through the years we discovered that we share many of the same interests.

Madison and Danielle became best friends and are still best friends after 15 years. Dinesh has always been involved with Danielle in all her activities. He his the kind of Father that is always there for Danielle.

It is very apparent that he is a great inspiration to her. From the moment he met Madison he took her under his wing. He treated her as another daughter and always was there for her no matter how chaotic his work schedule may have been.

She is very inspired by him and he has been a very positive and stabilizing role model for her. We all admire his optimistic attitude, determination,

fairness and availability for everyone. He is honestly concerned with helping people.

Madison has traveled with Danielle through the years. These trips were either for research or speaking engagements. While the family went to wonderful locations in Europe with plenty of fun and adventure, there was also always a learning and growth component. Madison would tell us how Dinesh often sat the girls down and asked their opinions on subjects that had to do with the culture and history of the place they

were visiting. For instance, in Florence, he took them to Dante's house and explained all about Dante. Madison loved to share the stories of what she had learned. Dante had nothing to do with his work but he felt that it was important to share his knowledge and expand the girls world vision.

Of the many qualities Dinesh possesses, I think his ability to be a great listener is at the top of the list. Many people don't care what you have to say or they are thinking about what they are going to say while you are talking. Dinesh listens and when he responds it is with intelligence and a certain determination to persuade, but with respect and empathy for the other person's position.

You see that in his TV appearances and his debates. He never cuts people off and he never talks over or down to them. He always shows utmost respect to whomever is speaking.

Through the years, we have enjoyed getting together with Dinesh because we always came away with more valuable insight than we had before.

We were very sorry to hear of Dinesh's campaign violation. We heard it first from him. He was very regretful and honestly embarrassed. We admired that he took responsibility for his actions and made no excuses.

In delivering Dinesh's sentence I respectfully request that you consider the character of the man and his contributions to society and our culture, let alone the considerable positive influence he has had on our family.

There is no doubt that he should answer for violating the law. However, I strongly believe that incarceration is not an appropriate sentence for his conduct. Dinesh will be more of a benefit to society if, for instance, he is required to contribute his time towards the education of underprivileged children. In a teaching capacity he can repay his debt to society in a much more positive way than would be achieved if he were incarcerated.

Thank you for your time Judge. Your consideration of my request is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beth Wexler



August 25, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego, Clairemont Branch accepts court ordered volunteers at our location. There are certain violations that are not accepted such as drugs, crimes against children, violence, etc. Volunteers help in a variety of ways, court ordered usually are engaged in cleaning, organization, minor repairs and any other needs that the Club has at that time.

Mr. Dinesh D'Souza, Case 14CR 034 (RMB) with a date of birth of 4-25-61 has contacted the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Diego about possibly volunteering at this site. He would be welcome to do so.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding the Club and our volunteer opportunities.

Thank you,

Ruth JC Cassidy, Site Supervisor
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The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Court Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Dinesh D'Souza, 14 CR 034 (RMB)

Judge Berman:

I am a near twenty-year resident of New York City, the father of four children who has been happily married for twenty years. I lead a quiet life of assiduously cultivated anonymity. I have worked for just shy of twenty years on Wall Street as an investment banker and I am an active but low profile volunteer for various organizations focused on helping the poor and the sick. Despite my history as a conservative activist as a college student and my recent activity as a small fundraiser for the candidacy of Wendy Long for the U.S. Senate, I must let you know to you that I am now, and have been for some time, a man who has drifted well to the political Left.

I offer this background to you as a prelude to my request to you: please temper your judgment of Dinesh D'Souza with mercy in light of his character, his demonstrable love for our country and his contribution to our nation's public life over the past decades. I do not agree with Dinesh on most political issues and, funny to admit it, he has no idea of this as ours is a purely social friendship. What he probably knows, notwithstanding my private disagreements with him, is that I value his immense contribution to the public intellectual life of the United States, with his multiple best-selling books, his commitment to friendly and edifying public debate, and his service as a political appointee soon after he arrived to the United States as an immigrant.

I came to know Dinesh when, as an eighteen-year-old, I was involved in a difficult, traumatic controversy of national profile during my freshman year at Dartmouth College. Despite Dinesh's status in Washington, D.C. as a rising political and polemical star, he took interest in my predicament and helped me. The reputational risk he took in doing so was rooted in his good heart and strength of character. Over the years, as people come and go through my life, I can say that Dinesh has been a constant friend, albeit from afar (as we have pursued different paths: his a public life, mine one of strictly private pursuits, while both of us lived on different coasts of the country). This notwithstanding, the ensuing decades have been punctuated by bouts of renewed camaraderie. When he moved to New York City a few years ago, I had the good fortune to more actively reconnect with Dinesh and to come to know his then-teenage daughter, Danielle, who is now a rising sophomore at Dartmouth College. Dinesh has had some personal setbacks, as we all have, but his are of a more public nature due to his life's pursuits. What is perhaps not appreciated, except by those who know him, is that Dinesh has tirelessly dedicated himself to being a superb and loving father to this young lady. This is but one

example in a long catalog of Dinesh pursuing "the good" in private, while few are looking and far from public accolades.

In my mind, as a layman of the law and as someone not involved in politics, the often filthy and powerful interests that unduly influence our political process loom large and obscure the admitted error that Dinesh committed in this case. He did wrong, in my mind a wrong rooted in friendship and one best characterized for its uncharacteristic stupidity. He knows this, which is why he admitted his wrongdoing without any hint of public excuse that so often accompanies such situations. Dinesh is a good man and a good father. He loves his country and has done much to make it a richer place. I ask, most respectfully, in light of all that is before you, to temper justice with mercy.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Christopher E. Baldwin