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Honorable Mark Kruse
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Honorable Judge Mark Kruse,

I am writing today in regards Ben Trane, in request of a reduction in sentence. I want the Court to know the Defendant as I know him, and not only as defendant in a sexual abuse, child endangerment matter. I have known him for 16 years. Since then, he has show himself to be a honest, genuine, loyal, true, charitable, service oriented to many people. These are just a few of the reasons I married him.

We met at school and shared a passion for working with the youth. I found myself being detached from the idea of being married. I wanted to go to be a counselor and make a difference. As I came to know him and the person he was I knew he was special. I believe it was the best non-painful day of my life. My children's births being the other best days of my life.

He is honest in his efforts, through his actions and words. He is genuine good person. He has spent his days loyal to his family, school, and the community. He is true to his word. He is charitable when people ask for things he tries to do more than just the bare minimum for all in need. The first year we were married, we spent Christmas at the school. We woke up made breakfast for the students and spent the rest of the day playing football and being with the students. We didn't go home until the night shift came. We opened our own gifts after 10pm. We made a Christmas tradition out of it to go and serve before we would celebrate with our children. When we had our first born he had purple baby syndrome. He would work and spend all night soothing our son with me so that I didn't have to bare the burden alone.

I have him seen give people our cars to drive while they were in a bind and places to stay without asking anything in return. I have seen non-enrolled distressed parents call at all hours of the night needing someone to provide comfort when their world was turned upside down by a stray child. If someone needed help or afflicted that didn't know him, he would go to their aid. He has taught me so much on how to serve others. He is service oriented he has a history of looking to people and asking how can I lighten a burden. I have a binder full of letters of gratitude for the him personally in their lives, parents, students, and community members. His service is one of many reasons I married him.

On the stand, I'm sure you can understand I was nervous. I didn't convey things exactly how I had hoped. I have some guilt that maybe I didn't do a good job and that could have added to the verdict.

I think it's apparent that I believe Ben is innocent. I don't agree with some of the tactics used by the prosecution, I feel like it painted a picture I believe to be inaccurate. The purpose of this letter is to focus on positive things Ben could do if giving a light sentence. He could service his five children and me by being in the home, he would continue to service in the community and find work. If you could please consider a light sentence I believe he would do much good with it.

Sincerely,

Layani Trane

