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November 16, 2017

The Honorable Timothy Corrigan Judge United States District Court 300 North Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Honorable Judge Timothy Corrigan:

Former Congresswoman Corrine Brown is scheduled to appear for her sentencing hearing before your court for her case. I am writing this letter in the hopes that it will help you to see what kind of person Corrine is despite the situation that led us all to this point.

I have known Congresswoman Brown as a colleague, friend, and as a spiritual person who has shown commitment over her years in Congress and in that time I have seen many aspects of her life including her character. I have always found her to be extremely kind, honest, dependable, and well regarded among her peers in Congress on both sides of the aisle.

As you consider her sentence, I also hope you will also consider Congresswoman Brown's efforts and contributions to the broader community throughout her life, as well as her strong commitment to her family, friends and constituents.

Congresswoman Brown was strongly committed to service. She did not view her position as a Congressperson solely as an elected position. She dug deep into issues, cherished the United States Constitution and vigorously advocated for the underserved and the underrepresented. She is and was a champion for Veterans. There were many times I witnessed her come to the floor when the chamber was empty and she would rise to speak about the need to guarantee expanded services for Veterans suffering from the effects of war, and to ensure proper provisions for all our military men and women at home and abroad. She fought for a world class transportation system and was successful. She was passionate about people and passionate about their history and spirit. She tried to correct wrongs and make them right. She was unselfish and kind and made sure her constituents succeeded by simply really caring for them personally.

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Congresswoman Brown was a practical legislator who always wanted to fight for those with real needs. She brought back millions of dollars for the state in federal transportation funding, giving a tremendous boost to the state's transportation and infrastructure system, and providing tens of thousands of well-paying jobs to Floridians across the state. One of her first accomplishments during her tenure as a Member of Congress was winning funding for the much-needed Fuller Warren Bridge in Jacksonville, which funnels Interstate 95 traffic away from the city. Shortly afterwards, she also secured a \$100 million federal courthouse for Jacksonville, at a time when courthouse funding was scarce.

Again, Congresswoman Brown served on the House Veterans Affairs Committee fighting for the benefits that veterans were promised. When she first came to Washington, upon realizing the limited space for veterans' burial in Florida and around the country, Brown introduced legislation to establish new National Cemeteries in South Florida and Jacksonville. Brown also introduced legislation to expand and improve the National Veteran's Cemetery system. She championed legislation expanding the health and long-term care benefits that America's veterans' receive, improving veterans' education benefits, and expediting claims processing.

When Congresswoman Brown was first elected, the state of Florida was receiving 77 cents for every dollar of the gas tax sent to Washington. Yet after working steadfastly over the years to change the formula and make sure Florida was not paying out more than it was receiving, Florida was guaranteed a 95 cent return resulting in billions of dollars to dedicate to the state's transportation infrastructure.

Congresswoman Brown was a committed public servant who loves her family and always wanted to do right for them. I know in her heart she knows how monumental this is. However, Congresswoman Brown is a good person who struggled to overcome health issues, and despite that, she continued to serve her constituents, love her family, and honor our nation.

If given an opportunity, she has much more to contribute to our great country and to the world. Your kind consideration of her whole life story in this important decision is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Sheila Jackson Lee Member of Congress

OLIVER C. HUNTER III, M.D.

November 27th, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan
United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

Dear Judge Corrigan,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear in your courtroom and speak on behalf of Congresswoman Corirne Brown. I had several other things I had wished to say, at my appearance, but I wanted to adhere to the time limit guidelines established during the Sentencing hearing.

In your Courtroom, I spoke to the personal instances where Congresswoman Brown's generosity and actions to benefit and reward students had direct beneficial impact on those close to me.

While listening to the proceedings, I wanted to express some thoughts and propose some alternatives regarding Mr. Duva's sentencing discussion.

I am quite aware that this case has been contentious and understand that while Congresswoman Brown has been more than vocal, I do not believe that she has shown disrespect for the Court nor these proceedings.

During the trial, Congresswoman Brown has spoken her mind, as any individual would, if one believed in their own innocence. She just has a much larger microphone than the average lay person, and a larger listening audience.



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With respect to the sentencing and punishment in this case, I must first acknowledge that I truly respect the verdict and decisions of the Citizens of Florida and understand that there are Traditional rules and statues for Sentencing guidelines.

While Incarceration may suit the wishes of many, I question whether this is the best remedy for the people most impacted by the actions involved in this case, which are the underserved children of Florida seeking a higher education and an opportunity to better themselves.

Is there not a remedy, where the restitution paid actually serves the people the charity was intended to serve? Could the Court not find way to make some group of Children benefit directly from Congresswoman Brown's restitution?

I truly do not believe Congresswoman Brown to be a threat to the community, and her many acts of personal service to the community speak for themselves. Again, I would ask the Court is there not a better way to harness some of her abilities to directly benefit the community and the underserved children while she repays her debt.

I would like to thank you again for allowing me to appear before your court on behalf of Congresswoman Brown and taking the time to listen and read my thoughts and expressions.

Sincerely,

Oliver C. Hunter III, M.D. Chairman, Department of Radiology Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital



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November 27, 2017

Dear Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan,

My name is Herman Jackson, I met Congresswoman Corrine Brown over 25 years ago through family and friends. Congresswoman Brown has always been dedicated to helping find ways to further educate the children of the future. By creating educational ways that will provide an outlook on what life can offer when you put your dreams into motion. Back in 2015 my son Christopher Jackson was selected to go on a 2 week trip to China. That opportunity has forever changed my son's life giving him the notion that life's possibilities are endless when you apply yourself. The trip was truly an eye opener not only for my son but for each youth that was able to attend. Her passion to educate our youth has never wavered as they have the power to change the world and do new things and not repeat what other generations have done. However, they have to be exposed in order to do so and Congresswomen Brown has continued to provide a platform that will show them how to open doors for a better tomorrow today.

Please consider the great work Congresswoman Brown has done in the Community when rendering her sentencing as she is truly a Pillar in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Herman Jackson

Dear Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan:

My name is Isaiah Smith and I'm writing on behalf of Congresswoman Corrine Brown. I am full aware of this case and the guilty verdict, however, allow me a moment to share with you on how my life is indeed in a better direction because of her. Besides my Dad and my Stepmom it was the inflicting words of wisdom from Congresswoman Corrine Brown that lead me in this great United States Army. I met Congresswoman Corrine Brown through a friend of mine from First Coast High School, he and his mom heard that there was an opportunity to go to China free of charge for two weeks. I spoke with my dad and we got all the paperwork together including my passport. The experience was unbelievable and necessary. On this trip we learned about hard work and discipline. The students over in China were so far advance then we were but she told us we could be that way to if we let go of distractions. She stated the America is more than just the flag and a song. American is about change, equality and service. You see your Honor, I highly doubt that Congresswoman Corrine Brown had any right knowledge about what was going on she has and has always been a service to the people. Look at me I'm serving my country today because of her! Hoorah!!

Sincerely,

Isaiah Smith

United States Army

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The Reverend Jermaine J. Marshall, M.Div, ThM, ABD, Senior Pastor

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The Reverend Frederick Belcher Presiding Elder

November 20, 2017

Greetings,

My name is Reverend Jermaine J. Marshall and I'm a native of Jacksonville, Florida. I'm forwarding this correspondence as a character letter on behalf and in support of Congresswoman Corrine Brown. I have known Congresswoman Brown for many years. For as long as I can remember she has been my representative in the United States Congress. While I realize that there were other representatives representing my home district in the state of Florida, I have only known and have had direct contact and relationship with Congresswoman Brown.

I have been interested in politics and our system of US democracy since the fourth grade which is the year Congresswoman Brown was first elected to Congress in 1992. My interest resulted in my pursuance and earning of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of North Florida in 2005. I cite this interest and accomplishment due to the fact that much of my attraction to the study of civics resulted from my admiration for Congresswoman Brown and her influence in my life.

Congresswoman Brown was pivotal to my success as undergraduate student at UNF. Through her hard work and advocacy I was one the college student I was a recipient of the Congressional Black Caucus Scholarship. Additionally, I was privileged to be apart of a group of about 50 college students from the University of North Florida, Jacksonville University, and Edward Waters College who traveled to our nation's capital for several days through the sponsorship of Congresswoman Brown. This was an educational endeavor through which we were afforded the opportunity to shadow members of Congress in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Apart of this life-changing experience was taking part in the legislative process through mock committee meetings, drafting legislation through committee, debating legislation on the floor, and passing bills.

Congresswoman Brown has always been the voice of the people in her congressional district and has always had our best interest at heart. I have witnessed her exert her blood, sweat, and tears to fight against injustice and oppression for the people of her congressional district. She worked closely with my home church Central Metropolitan CME Church her entire tenure to bring economic empowerment, fair- housing, affordable healthcare, living wages, racial and gender equality to the communities in the city of Jacksonville. Congresswoman was essential to solidifying the transportation innovations and health care improvements for our veterans and low-income citizens in Jacksonville. When I was assigned as the pastor of Mount Olive CME

Church in Orlando, Florida which was also apart of her congressional district both the former 3rd and 5th districts, I worked closely with her during my tenure there from 2009-2016 to bring that same kind of improvement to the historic Parramore community.

Congresswoman Brown is a woman of integrity, humility, and compassion. Over the course of her career has a public servant she has been grossly maligned by her political adversaries with the intent to assassinate her character. She is a self-less fighter who has been on the front-lines working on behalf of hard-working people and people who are marginalize and oppressed by the injustices in our society most of her life. I pray that the court will closely consider this character reference in its deliberations. And I pray that this character reference will vindicate Congresswoman Brown's character. I'm certainly eternally grateful for her life and witness in the congressional district she served and for her impact on my life.

Blessings,

Germaine G. Marshall

Reverend Jermaine J. Marshall, ABD, ThM, MDiv., BA



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WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan,

I pray this letter of support finds you and yours in the best of health and spirits. Thank you for allowing me the chance to write a statement on behalf of Congresswoman Corrine Brown in consideration of your sentencing decision. It was the Fall of 2000, down in Jacksonville, Florida on the diminutive campus of Edward Waters College campus where I met, in person, for the first-time Congresswoman Corrine Brown. Before then I knew the Congresswoman very well (at least in my head) given her major success in the impoverished areas of Jacksonville. "Corrine Delivers!" was more than a tag line, it was indeed evident given the brokered relationships between CSX and Edward Waters College; The Better Jacksonville plan that created paved roads, revitalizing the Gateway Shopping Center, created safe spaces for after school programs and the list goes on from there.

I personally met her as a young political scientist who was enamored with the political process. My chance encounter led to an opportunity to serve on one of her campaigns. Watching the way in which she treated every person was magical. It was an instant connection with folks who had only the pleasure of seeing her from afar, but had a kindred connection to a woman who has done so much for so many. For seventeen years, I have received counsel, she has helped me professionally and personally, (never with stipulation always with good cheer and unconditional joy) and my appointment the Presidency here at Wilberforce University, the oldest private historically black college in America was accepted with her counsel. Given her constant championing, sponsoring and advocacy for Edward Waters, Bethune Cookman, Florida Memorial and Edward Waters College, I knew she would be able to provide insight on the perception of Wilberforce University and she did just that.

My letter today could numerate countless examples of Congresswoman Corrine Brown's unselfish gestures to me personally and thousands of other beneficiaries of the good work in which public servants are entrusted to accomplish. I believe sufficient evidence suggest she has delivered in an extraordinary fashion. Over the seventeen years of my acquaintance with her she has shown a sermon that models the importance of faith, family and friends. My life is richer because of my service to her, my absorption of culture, knowledge and civility from her. I recognize the quilty verdict and additionally

recognize what sentencing guidelines dictate in both the length of time which each count. However, with sentencing guidelines comes—discretion. While there are mandatory minimums and maximums I also understand, you have the capacity to exercise your discretion and offer leniency which reflects grace and compassion. This act would render nor require no term of imprisonment based on the charges of this case.

The probative value of what we have contributed in life should be reflected and considered when we fall short. Grace is not promised nor owed but given by our God through others. My sincere and earnest prayer is that you would consider all things and find Congresswoman Corrine Brown be held accountable but in a manner, that allows her to continue serving others with a sentencing not inclusive of imprisonment. This my humble request of you and for God.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your service to our country through the legal system. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In service,

Herman J. Felton, Jr.

Herman J. Fettin Jr.

President

Althea Mikell

Jacksonville, FL 32208

November 20, 2017

The Honorable Judge Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Honorable Corrigan:

My name is Althea Mikell a mother of four adolescent children and a Youth Leader of my community. I have known Congresswoman Brown for about 15 years because she was my congresswoman for my city and constituent.

I met her during the time she was running for office. I walked into her prescient because my community president asked me to volunteer for my community. This was my first time being around any politicians. I overheard her encouraging another young lady to run for office. The young lady later became my District and State Representative.

Congresswoman Brown is very kind, compassionate about her community and has worked very hard to representative her constituents. I ran into her one day at the airport o and she invited another mother and I to come to see her in Washington. I was in such shock and was honored that she would invite a young lady like me from a poor neighborhood to Washington, DC. We were treated with so much respect and courtesy from her and her staff. We will never forget that day.

Judge Corrigan I know your are not required to impose any term of imprisonment base on the charges in this case therefore, I am asking you that you will have mercy during sentencing.

Sincerely,

Althea Mikell Community Youth Leader



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November 15, 2017

USA v. Corrine Brown Case No. 3:16-cr-93-J-32JRK

Honorable Judge Corrigan,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for Congresswoman Corrine Brown. I have known of Congresswoman Brown for many years. But my relationship with Corrine Brown spans more than fifteen years. She has been a supporter of the Women of Color Cultural Foundation (WOCCF) and that relationship continues. Our offices engaged in hundreds of community and charitable based activities throughout Duval.

Congresswoman Corrine Brown possesses a servant's spirit in addressing the needs of her constituents. Her compassion for people is overwhelming. She is fighting for her life, because of a guilty verdict and she is always helping others. Over the years that the WOCCF and Congresswoman Corrine Brown worked together, she has always presented knowledge and ability in any area that needed to be addressed for constituency.

Corrine Brown has been and still is an asset to our community. As a supporter and friend your honor I ask for mercy on her behalf.

Sincerely, Rev. Dr. Helen Jackson

Sincerely yours,

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November 15, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan Bryan Simpson US Courthouse 300 North Hogan St. Jacksonville, FL 33202

Dear Judge Corrigan:

I was a colleague of former Congresswoman Corrine Brown's in both the Florida Legislature and then in the US House of Representatives. We served in neighboring legislative districts, and I had the opportunity to observe her commitment to her communities and her constituents.

I understand she has been found guilty and this is the sentencing phase. However, I hope that you will reflect upon the work she has done on their behalf. She always showed compassion and tenacity, and she often gave a voice to those who had none.

While I cannot condone her actions, I urge you to take into account her decades of distinguished service when you come to a sentencing decision that is fair and just to all involved parties.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration.

Jaren L. Shurman

Sincerely,

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November 20, 2017

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My name is Reverend Aaron Jerome Flagg, Jr. Associate Minister at Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church for 20 years. I am the Chaplain for the Forest View Athletic Association Pop Warner Sports for 28 years, Coordinator for the Baptist Minister's Conference free Back to School-Health Fair School Supply Giveaway facilitated by St Vincent's Healthcare and Volunteers in Medicine. I'm also, coordinator for the Baptist Ministers Conference annual free Thanksgiving Basket giveaway. And a member of the Citizens United group with the FBI State Attorney's office and JSO.

The Congresswoman Corrine Brown has supported every group that I'm associated with to help children and some, down throughout the years physically spiritually and financially in this community and we are indebted to her for her dedicated services.

And now pray and beg you for your mercy in this case that she should not serve any prison time.

Words cannot express service to this community down throughout her entire career. And her continued impact on this community as a citizen and a servant. Again, I beg you to use God's grace and mercy and to not sentence her to any prison time.

Thank you and May God bless you now and forever.

Prayerfully yours

Reverend Aaron J. Flagg Jr 904.382.3429



November 22, 2017

Re: Congresswoman Corrine Brown

Dear Judge Corrigan:

I, Carl Davis am writing the courts on behalf of my friend Congresswoman Corrine Brown who I have known for a number of years. I have always known her to be a person with impeccable faith and character and a strong love for her community. In her daily work she has always been a strong advocate for the little man and worked hard to make a difference in the lives of the people she served.

I am asking the court to allow her to serve community service because her heart is and always will be for the people who are less fortunate and those who have lost their way. She has been a strong advocate and on the frontline for rebuilding lives and communities.

Blessings,

Carl Davis

Gospel Music Advocate Chairman, Gospel Music Heritage Month Foundation www.gospelmusicheritage.org John M. Higgins

Norfolk, Virginia 23510

November 18, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan

I am writing to you as a character reference for Congresswoman Corrine Brown. I am aware of Congresswoman Brown's conviction and I want to provide you with some information regarding her character for your consideration during your sentencing deliberations. I am a retired Air Force officer with twenty years of service. After the conclusion of my military service, I spent twenty-five years specializing in the management of luxury senior living communities in the Washington DC area for Hyatt as well as for other local and national senior living services companies. I am currently finally retired and residing in Norfolk, Virginia.

I have known Congresswoman Brown since mid-2002 when I moved into the townhouse next door to her daughter in Alexandria, Virginia where Congresswoman Brown was often in residence when congress was in session. While I was never a constituent of hers, over the years I came to know Congresswoman Brown, Corrine, as a warm and outgoing neighbor who was never too busy to have an engaging conversation on everything ranging from what was going on in Washington DC to updates on our families. You can tell a lot about a person by the nature of their children, her daughter Shantrel exhibits the same traits of friendliness and kindness that I consistently found in Congresswoman Brown. Congresswoman Brown would always go out of her way to stop to speak with me; we even had a running joke between us that we were both just too busy to coordinate our time to get together for a cup of coffee to just talk. On a couple of occasions, when I was able to lend a helping hand as a neighbor on very minor things, she took the time to express her gratitude and appreciation.

I have only known Corrine as a warm and outgoing neighbor and a very pleasant and engaging friend. I hope that during your deliberations you consider that she is a vibrant part of her community, always kind and thoughtful.

Sincerely,

John M. Higgin

November 20, 2017

Benjamin Simmons, III.

Jacksonville, FL. 32218

The Honorable Judge Timothy J. Corrigan 300 North Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL. 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan:

My name is Benjamin Simmons, III. and I am a current sophomore mass communications major matriculating through Bethune-Cookman University. I grew up in Jacksonville, FL. and have known Congresswoman Corrine Brown since I can remember. I met her through my grandmother Dr. Brenda Simmons-Hutchins as they are good friends and have history that stem back to high school.

Congresswoman Brown has always had an altruistic attitude toward our community. I was first introduced to her love for our community was through her computer initiative in the early 2000s. She was responsible for giving me my first desktop computer when I was in elementary school. Then later in my life, she was responsible for giving me the opportunity of lifetime to travel to China on a two-week exchange program. There, we visited Beijing, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. We met several people and learned a lot about Chinese culture, economics, and language. This trip was so informative and taught me a lot of valuable lessons that I've been applying to my every day.

I am aware of the guilty verdict that's been brought against Congresswoman Brown and am fearful that her good deeds will go unnoticed. I hope that this letter, shows the good and generosity that The Congresswoman has done for the constituents, students, and the world.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Simmons, III.

James E. Clyburn Columbia, SC 29203

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan:

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I write this letter requesting your mercy as you contemplate your sentencing of former Congressman Corrine Brown.

Corrine and I were sworn into office on the same day in 1993. I met her, several days earlier in a rather inauspicious way. Both of us had won seats on the Public Works Committee, as the current Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was known at the time. By luck of the draw, I was seated one seat ahead of her on the Committee. Consequently, I got to bid on sub-Committee memberships immediately before her.

Both of us were seeking seats on the Aviation Sub-Committee. As the process unfolded I could hear her uttering a prayer. That of course led to a formal introduction and an extensive conversation. Her passion for the Jacksonville community and commitment to public service were very evident to me. Corrine convinced me that membership on that Sub-Committee was central to her vision of service to Jacksonville. When bidding for the Aviation Sub-Committee got to me there was only one seat left, but because I was so moved by Corrine's passion and commitment, I passed and she was able to claim the seat.

I sat next to her for six years. No one on that Committee was a fiercer advocate for their constituents and community than Corrine. And I believe her record is a testament to that.

I followed her trial closely, and although it clearly revealed that lines were crossed, I am convinced that there was no malice or forethought on her part. This legal entanglement and precipitous fall from grace, coupled with her many years of selfless service to church and community seem to constitute a record worthy of your consideration of a non-institutional sentence, and I pray for your consideration of such. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn, SC-6

November 19, 2017



November 19, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan United States District Court Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division 300 North Hogan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Re: United States of America vs. Corrine Brown; Case No. 3:16-cr-93-J-32JRK

Dear Judge Corrigan:

I write in support of my friend and former colleague, Hon. Corrine Brown, who was convicted of several felony offenses and is now awaiting final imposition of sentence. Please accept these words from the undersigned as a former North Carolina trial judge and Supreme Court Justice for fifteen years. During my years on the bench, I found myself constantly engaged in deep reflection as I contemplated sentences for offenders including those with circumstances similar to the case at bar. I understand the Court's desire to balance the equities and impose a fair sentence.

I have known Corrine Brown since my congressional career commenced on July 21, 2004. Corrine Brown immediately became a friend, confidant and mentor. We are the same age and grew up during the same era of American history. And so, we have a mutual understanding of each other's experiences and life challenges. Corrine grew up in a segregated South which helped frame her burning desire to help improve the African American community and its citizens. She worked every day as a member of Congress to advocate for her values of providing equal opportunities for African American citizens both in Florida and Nationwide.

Corrine Brown cares deeply for those who have not benefitted from the American dream. He colleagues all know her passion to require this Nation to honor its commitment to our veterans. She has been unrelenting in this endeavor.

As a former judge and Supreme Court Justice, I do not take lightly the unanimous verdict of the jury. The jury heard the evidence, arguments of counsel, and instructions from the Court and made its decision. I am informed that the convictions will be appealed to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals for judicial review. It particularly troubles me that a juror was removed from the deliberating jury due to a religious conviction that the Holy Spirit said Brown was innocent. It is always problematic to remove a juror during deliberations without establishing unequivocally that the juror refuses to follow the Court's instructions. Though I have not read the transcript, I am informed that the Court may have failed to adequately establish a firm basis for the juror's removal from the case and a new trial could be directed by the appellate court.

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan United States District Judge November 18, 2017 Page Two

Taking all of these aforesaid statements into consideration, I respectfully request that your Honor consider Corrine Brown's decades of service to humanity, her stellar record as the People's Representative and impose a sentence that will allow her to continue to contribute her talents to civil society. I seek not to diminish the gravity of these offenses but respectfully request that the criminal convictions be balanced against a lifetime of service to our Nation and a fair sentence imposed to allow Ms. Brown to pay restitution and fully demonstrate her remorse for these serious missteps in her life.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

G. K. Butterfield Member of Congress

Michael Cobb

Jacksonville, FL 32218 November 19th, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan, 300 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

My name is Michael Cobb. I am President of The Downtown Business Professionals Group, I recently met Corrine Brown a few months ago hosting a community gospel event. Meeting her for the first time was like I've been knowing her all my life. She has helped me immensely in working with the Jacksonville community, assisting to inspire business owners to connect businesses with right people to help impact the growth of their businesses.

When making your decision regarding Corrine Brown please consider her past record in helping the Jacksonville community and businesses here on the first coast.

Sincerely,

President Michael Cobb Date: 21st November 2017

Subject: character reference letter for court

Respected authorities

I, Larry Gilmore am writing to you to provide a character reference about former U.S.

Representative Corrine Brown, who I have known as a friend and a customer for a period of 17 years. I provide this reference in full knowledge of Corrine Brown's charges of federal fraud.

I can say with total confidence that few people have contributed to the community in a way that Corrine Brown has. Even though, I came into her association through friends and work, I have also know her outside of work. Apart from being a congresswoman, she is also a member of Bethel Baptist Institutional Church where we both attend. She is kind, polite and I have never seen any misuse or abuse of her position or title.

I believe that there has been confusion regarding the charges and I can vouch for the humble and responsible character of Corrine Brown.

Thanking you,

Larry Gilmore.

November 19, 2017

Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan:

My name is Delia Covington and I am 89 years old. Corrine Brown is my daughter and she is a good girl. She is a good child.

She has helped a lot of people. She always helps me celebrate my birthday. She makes sure I have my medicine and keeps food in my house.

She fusses at me when I don't take my medicine and when I eat the wrong thing.

Once she helped my senior citizen community center take a trip to Miami on the train. She made sure everyone could go and had food when we got there.

Judge, please don't send my daughter to jail. She is a good person and always trying to help somebody.

Sincerely,

Delia P. Covington

Mother of Corrine Brown

Maria G.A. Wallace

November 20, 2017

The Honorable Timothy Corrigan
United States District Court – Middle District of Florida
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Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan,

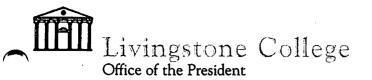
This letter is to express my support of probation for former U.S. Representative Corrine Brown. The consideration for this specific sentencing is warranted as we recall her tireless efforts, good works and advocacy for the people during her political career.

I know there's a village with hope and prayers that one would recognize all the work she's done and remember that we've all fallen short of the grace of God. We all have a role to play in a healthy system and we all need help.

As reflected in 2 Samuel 8 ~ "... David reigned over all Israel; and David administered Justice and equity to all his People...". Regardless of today's climate, my hope and prayer is that Ms Brown's many contributions to our country and her value as a citizen will be considered carefully.

Respectfully,

Maria G. T. Wallace



701 W. MONROE ST. SALISBURY, NC 28144

November 15, 2017

Dear Honorable Judge Corrigan: The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan:

I am currently the President of Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, and formerly the President of Edward Waters College (EWC) in Jacksonville, Florida. I am aware of Congresswoman Corrine Brown's legal situation. I respectfully ask you to be lenient in your sentencing and not impose a prison term.

Prior to my appointment as EWC's President, Congresswoman Brown worked as an Administrative Assistant to Dr. Cecil Cone (President) to help EWC get their Southern Accreditation. She also was the liaison to help the school build a new student dormitory.

Under my administration, Congresswoman Brown furnished my administrative suite of offices. She also was responsible for establishing a student computer lab. She hosted a computer initiative for the community, where at least 200 computers were given to students attending local public schools (K-12).

She introduced me to Michael Ward, CEO, CSX Transportation. The company made financial contributions to EWC because of Congresswoman Brown. CSX also partnered with EWC and did "Whistle Stops" up and down the east coast in an effort to recruit students for the college.

She also introduced me to Dr. Gasper Lazzara (Lazzara Family Foundation) who donated \$500,000 for student scholarships because of Congresswoman Brown.

These are just a few of the initiatives that she initiated and made happen.

The Department of Education came up with the "Plus Loan Program". As a result Historical Black Colleges lost 50,000 students because of the change in regulations. She made it possible for me to address the decisions-makers in Washington on this issue. As a result, the rule was changed via hearings and testimonies.

During my tenure in Jacksonville, I found Congresswoman Brown to be an asset to the community and higher education.



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Office of the President

I am asking that based on her good works, accomplishments, and love for her community and young people, that you would be lenient and impose NO prison time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Sr.

Ella Bell

Pine Bluff, AR 71603

November 21, 2017

The Honorable Timothy Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan:

I am writing this letter in strong support of Congresswoman Corrine Brown. I am a retired teacher that has known Congresswoman Brown for over 20 years. I am aware of the legal proceedings. I know that she has been found guilty but I feel that she should be shown leniency in her sentencing honoring her years of notable service, love and concern for her constituents and her dedication to her family. I am prayerful that you will not impose a prison term.

Congresswoman Brown is kind, giving and fun to be around. We are both mothers of only daughters that we love dearly. Our families have spent time together socially and she has always been a down to earth people person. I don't know a lot about her professionally but I do know that she fights for the underdog and never acts like she is better than anyone else.

When my husband, who was a veteran, died she presented our family with a Congressional Proclamation in his honor, which to this day still gives me joy when I look at it. After his death, for over a year, I did not receive his death benefits. We called the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs over and over. We filled out paperwork several times and were told over and over that they did not receive it. We contacted Congresswoman Brown for assistance. We completed paperwork to allow her to speak on our behalf. Within two or three weeks, the benefits were released! I can personally tell you *Corrine Delivers*!

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully ask for mercy and leniency and that you impose no prison time, which would allow her to continue to work in her community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ella Bell



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13 November 2017

The Honorble Timothy J. Corrigan

Dear Judge Corrigan,

Five S.T.A.R. Veterans Center is a 501c3 charitable corporation formed in March 2012. Our mission is to assist veterans who are coping with the insidious effects of PTSD and/or TBI RESTORE their health, RECONNECT with friends and family, and REJOIN the work force with a job by providing safe and secure supportive housing with wraparound services and holistic counseling that promotes mental and physical wellness.

Five S.T.A.R. has benefited through the effective efforts of Congresswoman Brown and her staff on several occasions. Her intervention resulted in effectively helping Jacksonville's homeless veterans.

Two examples show the deep impact of her and her staff's assistance to our Center:

In early 2015, Five STAR was on the verge of closing its doors. Congresswoman Brown contacted various philanthropic donors one of whom donated \$50,000 to us in July 2015. This generous donation allowed us time to secure additional funding sources. Without her intervention, 30 veterans would have been back on the streets. Further, her mediation between Five STAR Veterans Center and the Veterans Administration was instrumental in getting HUD/VASH housing vouchers for our residents.

Josh E. was living on the street for over six years after being diagnosed with Huntinton's disease. He received no veteran benefits. Congresswoman Brown's intervention not only reinstated VA benefits but was instrumental in obtaining over \$30,000 in back payments. Thanks to her work, Josh E. is now an Independent Living medical patient of the VA.

While I acknowledge that Congresswoman Brown was found guilty of 18 criminal counts involving conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud, tax crimes and hiding income, inter alia, her efforts on behalf of Five STAR Veterans Center and Jacksonville's at risk veterans deserve recognition and consideration in determining a lenient sentence by this court.

Sincerely,

Col. Len Loving, USMC (Ret)

Chief Executive Officer



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November 20, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan,

Greetings. I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Bruce V Allen, Executive Pastor of The Hope Church of Orlando, Florida. I am also the keyboard half of the two-time Stellar Award Winners, Allen & Allen. I have known Congress Woman Corrine Brown for a number of years and have respected her hard, heartfelt work in the State of Florida. I stand with her because of her commitment to the communities she served for many years.

As a personal testimony, she helped speed up the process to acquire my passport. You see, I had completed the application work to receive the passport, but for some reason, it was taking longer than usual to turn it around. My music partner and I (Bishop Allen Wiggins) had a European tour that we were scheduled to do and time was running out. I called Congress Woman's office and told her about the problem. She was able to get it worked out and back to me within days of us leaving. That's just one of the positive stories, of Congress Woman Brown, to the people of the community in which she served. She has done many other positive things to help our community in the Jacksonville, Florida area, a place I lived for over 30 years.

Judge Corrigan, I am told that there is no imperative for you to impose any term of imprisonment based on the charges in this case. I am asking you, sir, to exercise leniency in her case. She has served this state and country for well over 20 years and, in my humble opinion, should spend the sunset of her years trying to live life free from physical confinement. I pray that you will allow these brief words to rest upon your decision. May God bless you in your deliberation.

Cordially Submitted,

Pastor Bruce V Allen

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November 19, 2017

Dear Beloved Judge Corrigan,

My name is I'm Ms. Brown's 11 year old God Daughter, and yes, I am aware that the courts nave round my God Mamma Corrine Brown guilty. However please don't send my one and only God Mamma Corrine Brown to jail. I promise she would not hurt a fly even if it had a "Kick me" sign plastered right on its head. She has done so much good for so many people and it can't just stop. I've been inspired to follow in her foot steps and to one day be a congresswoman myself. My God Mamma Corrine Brown is the best person I know out there, and in all due respect, I want her to be recognized for it. Ms. Corrine Brown is a most thoughtful and caring person too. She worked hard helping me and other people go to Washington D.C. for the Inauguration of President Obama. Not only did she help us just to go to Washington D.C, but she ALSO helped me and my family to go on a fun Easter egg hunt at the Whitehouse. And every Christmas, just to show how much she truly loves everyone in her family, all the children, parents, grandparents, even aunts and uncles! They all come to her house each and every year for Christmas and we all have the biggest celebration together as a FAMILY. My God Mamma Corrine Brown is like the mother I never was able to have in my life because the court gave me to my dad. My God Mamma Corrine Brown has always been there for me. For Easter, Christmas, just everything. I don't want God Mamma Corrine Brown getting taken away from this family. So please, oh please believe it when I tell you, my God Mamma Corrine Brown is the sweetest person in the world. My prayers go for her every night that she will and will always stay with her family because in my life nothing would be the same without her.

Sincerely,

Kyle Dean Winter Haven, Florida 33884

November 18, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan,

I'd like to start by saying that even though Congresswoman Corrine Brown has been found guilty, she is a true hero to me. I was raised in the 1970's on the Northside of Jacksonville. The only black hero's were the ones on television, either in the sports or entertainment arenas. There was no one for the younger black community to look up to. Along came Congresswoman Corrine Brown in the 90's. There was a sense of pride amongst my peers. We were all so proud to have a black Congresswoman from the Northside in Congress. Finally there was someone who could and did relate to the daily issues that involved me and my peers. Corrine Brown was in the United States Congress, and would still come back on 45th and Moncrief and hold court with us nobody's. One can only imagine how much pride we felt. Finally a voice that would actually listen to us. My son had a troubled teen life. The courts and public defenders really treated us bad. They really didn't care. Even though my son had a troubled life, Congresswoman Corrine Brown actually invited us into her office, and not only spoke to my son about changing his life around, but she actually wrote a letter to the Judge on his behalf. That was a great feeling to have someone of such high statue write something on your behalf. Even the Judge and the Public Defender treated us differently after that.

I'm a Navy veteran, and I've traveled the world. Throughout all my travels the best experience I've had was when Congresswoman Corrine Brown chartered a bus for all of us, plain ordinary citizens to go to the Presidential Inauguration. Not only did she bring us to the Inauguration, but on Inauguration day she took us all to see the Halls of Congress, and she even had an Inauguration party. We were all so proud to be a part of those historical moments. Only in America can a bunch of ordinary citizens go to the Presidential Inauguration, go to see Congress, and attend a Congresswoman's Inauguration party. This was only made possible and available to us by our beloved Congresswoman Corrine Brown. By far that was one of the proudest moments of my life. That is why Congresswoman Corrine Brown is a true hero to me. Judge Corrigan, I am asking for you to show mercy and allow Congresswoman Corrine Brown to continue to serve an underserved community.

Thank you,

Kyle Dean

To: The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

I am writing you to request leniency for former Rep. Corrine Brown, she was instrumental in assisting me with securing a job. I attended one of her many job fairs and it allowed me to reach the City of Jacksonville recruiter. I was having a very difficult time getting a job. I was submitting at least 20 applications a day and not receiving much response. However, through the job fair I was able to make needed face to face contact and not just be a resume, but became a new hire.

Judge Corrigan, please show compassion and leniency for Ms. Brown the way she showed compassion for me. I know that the Lord can use anyone and he can use Ms. Brown as well. Please give her probation and not jail time. She can be utilized in so many ways. I have seen her involvement with the Jacksonville Council of the Blind and I know she can assist with many future job fairs in the Jacksonville community, to change other individual's lives as she has changed mine.

Judge Corrigan, again, please show Compassion and Mercy.

Sincerely,

Ingria Houston

To: The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

I am writing you to request leniency for Corrine Brown, she is still demonstrated a love for the community of Jacksonville, Fl. I have personally observed her interact with the elderly, veterans, and the community of Jacksonville. The love and respect that she shows them on a daily bases is immeasurable. One example of her dedication is her reaching out to an eldered man (who had a stroke) to explain the importance of a healthy breakfast each day and she personally provided him with that breakfast each day. She didn't do it with cameras rolling, but from her heart.

None, of us are perfect and we all come short of the Glory of God. Yes, a guilty verdict has come down, however, the justice system is to provide a correction and a deterrent to prevent things from ever happening again. But, I truly believe it is important that we are allowed to get up again from mistakes and pay it forward. Since, Ms. Brown is no longer in a political capacity this will never occur again. I don't feel her incarnation would serve the community well, it would only cause taxpayers to pay the bill, while probation and numerous community service hours would continue to help and support the State of Florida and the Jacksonville community.

Judge Corrigan, thank you for your wisdom and I am praying that God will touch your heart with Compassion and Mercy.

Sincerely,

Terrell Houston

New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando Reverend Leroy Rose, III - Senior Pastor



November 20, 2017

Honorable Judge Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: Corrine Brown

Judge Corrigan,

This missive is sent in reference to Corrine Brown and her standing before your court on December 4, 2017. Corrine has been a friend and supporter of The New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando, where I serve as Senior Pastor.

It is my fundamental belief that all persons, including Corrine, have 'good' at their core and ultimately has the potential and possibility to be a positive contributor in society. I can attest to the fact that Corrine Brown, in her role as congresswoman, has been our community champion. Her care and concern for the constituents she served has left an invaluable impression on the lives of many. Her good works are far reaching and will be long lasting.

To that end, I am requesting, at your discretion & judgment, that this court offers extreme leniency during her sentencing process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Senior Pastor Leroy Rose, III New Covenant Baptist Church

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November 16, 2017

Dear Judge Corrigan,

I am 15 years old and I believe in Ms. Corrine Brown. She has inspired me to want to be in politics. While visiting DC she took me down to the floor of the Congress to vote and she also took me to a White House party. Anytime I would visit Washington, D.C. she always had time for me. She is very thoughtful to everyone and one mistake should not ruin her whole life. Everyone in this world makes mistakes, I know I have I'm sure even you Judge Corrigan have made a mistake in your life. Please take into consideration how much good she has done then bad.

Thank you,

November 19, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 Jackson Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan,

Corrine Brown became a member of my family when I married her cousin in 1987, years before she began to represent her district in Congress. Upon election to political office, she was extremely dedicated to her constituents as an Assembly of Florida representative and later as a Congresswoman. She understood the importance of pushing legislation that addressed the needs of all factions of the community, business, educational institutions and the general public. This support contributed to the stability of the city, state and nation as a whole.

Though my husband and I live in Georgia, our multi-year visits to Jacksonville exposed us to her legislative efforts through media accounts, attendance at events where her positions were explained and through personal encounters.

Additionally, being a history teacher aided me in discerning the deeper implications of her positions on issues that arose in Congress. If laws are not enacted to embrace the basic tenets of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights, our democracy regresses to its early stage of omission of ensuring rights for women, children, minorities of different national origins, races and economic statuses. Corrine fought for the very people who had the most to lose.

Any rational minded person understands the seriousness of the charges and what they imply. Though our family cannot fathom someone who is so family oriented and self-sacrificial committing the named charges and stand with her against them, we acknowledge that the legal process has rendered her guilty. Therefore, we pray and plea for mercy in the sentencing process, knowing that the law does not mandate punishment for the verdict.

In the difficult position of choosing sentencing options, please consider the good she has done, and the potential for even more as a private citizen.

Mary Whitfield

Lizella, GA 31052

November 20, 2017

Dear Judge Corrigan:

I am Robert Turner, a retired Fire Captain from the Miami Fire Department, and I am writing to voice my request and support for mercy when Mrs. Brown is sentenced. As a public servant, I fully understand the efforts and sacrifices that one must make in order to serve and make our society better. I have known Mrs. Brown for almost 20 years and I am aware of all the great things that she has fought for and realized for her constituents in the great state of Florida. At this season of life, I hope that all her efforts will not be erased by some most unfortunate missteps. Therefore, I am asking that you please consider her total body of work as you sentence her on December 4, 2017. With her wealth of knowledge and practical experience, society could really benefit from her if she is sentenced to some long-term community service and probation. At her age, incarceration would really be detrimental to her and a complete loss to society. In closing, I humbly request that you consider my request for leniency on behalf of Ex-Congresswoman Corrine Brown. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Turner

Coconut Creek, FL 33073

November 21, 2017

Judge Corrigan,

On behalf of Corrine Brown, I am asking your leniency for Congresswoman Brown be sentenced to community service rather than imprisonment. I am standing and supporting Congresswoman Brown for all she has stood for in this community. I truly believe that Congresswoman Brown has been of great service and is sorrowful for her wrong doings.

Sincerely,

Lyn Ellis



November 20, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan,

I am sure that many pleas have and are being made, both written and verbal, that will decry the many positive character attributes of Ms. Corrine Brown. Although, I am in staunch agreement, that Ms. Brown's historical assemblage of life's acts, both personal and professional, are overwhelmingly weighted to the positive and certainly support a lenient sentence; I prefer to appeal based upon the needs of our social good within the confines of the stated purposes of prison:

- Deterrence
- Incapacitation
- Rehabilitation
- Retribution
- Restitution

As the purposes listed above are considered, I feel it is imperative to juxtapose "Corrines" age, health, her capacity to deter others from criminal acts and her probability to reoffend each as mitigating factors; moreover, this deliberation must be measured within the dynamic and complex landscape of our social greater good.

DETERRENCE:

I cannot conceive of a set of circumstances that would place "Corrine" in a position that would allow her to repeat her crime, in light of this, deterrence seems an issue of little to no significance in this case.

INCAPACITATION:

Clearly, placing "Corrine" in prison would separate her from society, though since she presents no threat to society, no benefit accrues, further; in view of the nature of this crime, incapacitation provides no deterrence or recidivism prevention, mechanism.

REHABILITATION:

In this regard, "rehabilitation" our society in the aggregate, ordinarily, seems to stand to realize the greatest benefit. In this instance, "Corrine" has demonstrated a deep understanding of her crime, has demonstrated sorrow, regret and remorse. I cannot imagine any additional rehabilitation is possible.

RETRIBUTION:

Perhaps this is the most troubling and difficult precept to decide. This is an ancient precept steeped in vengeance for a society, so the question is what action equates to a "pound of flesh." I cannot conceive that vengeance offers any penance or positive, tangible good to our social psyche. In this case and all others, this consideration has no place in modern discussions of incarceration.

RESTITUTION:

Prison, in this case, cannot accrue any restitution to an aggrieved party, conversely within the confines of community control, outside of prison, "Corrine" could be forced to perform community services that uplifts society, curbs or deters others from criminal activity, publicly demonstrates penance and exhibits a compassionate criminal justice system. The latter, in our current political, socioeconomic climate, could perhaps be the most important benefit to spring from this incredibly damaging situation.

In October 2013, the incarceration rate of the United States of America was the highest in the world, at 716 per 100,000 of the national population. While the United States represents about 4.4 percent of the world's population, we house about 22 percent of the world's prisoners.

In closing, let me say that I understand our criminal justice system must act to inforce, adjudicate and administrate correctional institutions. I have always felt that the most important consideration within this system is Justice, but not justice alone, but justice for all, which means considering every man, woman and child. Our prisons are over populated; the cost for housing these individuals is onerous and taxing our abilities. We must find better, expanded and creative ways to provide justice that protects, serves, and is considerate of our collective compassions and our collective intelligence.

Micah 6:8

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good and what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

By His Grace,

Bishop Allen T. D Wiggins

November 20, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street
Jacksonville, Fl 32202

My name is Natosha Burks and I am a registered nurse and I have personally known Congresswoman Brown about 6 months but knew of her and her works well before I was able to vote. I met the Congresswoman through my employer; Elite Home Health. Congresswoman Brown has been a public servant to her constituents for more than 20 years. Her voice and tenacity for those things near and dear to her; family. Congresswoman Brown has been an advocate for the Family Medical Leave Act; which allows time off due a personal illness or that of an immediate family member without fear of losing your job. Jacksonville is a military town and she has been on the front lines of improving the lives of veteran's here in Jacksonville. I am writing you in hopes that this letter of support on behalf of Congresswoman Corrine Brown will help you make the fairest and best decision in this matter. I am aware of the guilty verdict but you have the hard job of imposing sentencing. This is a woman who put serving her constituents as her number one priority. Just a woman too trusting of those handling her affairs; not being more involved in the running of her office because she was always speaking for those who were not heard; that was her job as a political servant. I feel that she has paid her dues because she can no longer be the voice of those not heard. While you are deciding what punishment to hand down, I would hope that you will remember her accomplishments and servitude to the First Coast and Congressional District 3.

Sincerely,

Natosha Burks, RN

November 20, 2017

Dear Judge Corrigan:

This missive comes as a character letter and plea for mercy on behalf of Congresswoman Corrine Brown. I would first like to state that I still believe in Congresswoman Corrine Brown. As a pastor in this great city I'm joining my sentiment and voice with all my colleagues for your consideration of mercy and leniency. We are asking that our request on behalf of Congresswoman Brown be given due consideration by you Your Honor. Notwithstanding her determined guilt, it is our prayer that you grant our petition. Congresswoman Brown should certainly be held accountable per the court's findings; however we are seeking probation as opposed to incarceration. Congresswoman Corrine Brown prior to this incident has, in my opinion, shown herself to be an upstanding citizen. Over the years she has continued to make consistent valuable contributions to our community. Many people have been helped tremendously by her efforts. She has consistently shown true kindness and a humanitarian spirit. We earnestly feel that she is truly remorseful for all that has transpired. I believe if she is granted leniency that she will find useful ways to give back that others might benefit from her mistakes. Thank you Your Honor for your consideration on this matter. Your graciousness will be forever owed an enormous vote of thanks and appreciation. I truly believe the citizens of this great community will be eternally grateful. I am also confident this is a fair and equitable request on behalf of someone I earnestly feel won't waist this opportunity and will make full amends for her actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Paris T. Taylor

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Greater Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church



Street Address: 6009 Terrell Road Tangerine, Florida 32777 Telephone: 352.729.4808 Reverend G. Christopher Clark, Pastor

November 19, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE AND COURT Duval County, Florida

REFERENCE: Special Request on behalf of Congresswoman Corine Brown

As a founding member of the African American Council of Christian Clergy in Orlando, Florida under the auspices of Bishop Kelvin L. Cobaris, President, it is without reservation or hesitation that I forward this communique to your office on behalf of Congresswoman Corine Brown. From a baby to this present time, I was raised in the church and in our community. My parents, church family and individuals instilled in me high moral standards and a firm religious foundation.

Now as a successful businessman and the pastor of a church, my path has crossed with Congresswomen Corine Brown for more than 50 years. Her record of service is replete with unselfish contributions to mankind. I am asking on her behalf for you to consider leniency on December 4, 2017 during her sentencing phase of the judicial process. I join with my fellow clergymen and ask that she would be sentenced to community service rather than imprisonment. Her expertise, professional experience and resourcefulness could be better utilized through her outside involvement rather than any interaction with hardcore criminals in the penial system.

I thank you for your time and attention which have been given by reading this communique and all other submitted letters. The community has accomplished so much from the multiplicity of humanitarian acts Congresswoman Brown rendered to the constituents in our area of Florida.

My fervent prayers have been prayed and will continue being uttered during this trying time for one of our governmental leaders. You may contact me if there is any additional information I can provide you.

Very truly yours,

G. Christopher Clark G. Christopher Clark Pastor November 20, 2017

Dear Sir:

I am drafting this communication on behalf of Congresswoman Brown to plead for leniency on her behalf as you consider her sentence in this matter. I believe the outstanding work she has given to the community and years of public service should be taken under consideration as you prepare sentencing for her. Corrine Brown is a treasure for the state of Florida and I ask for your mercy on her behalf.

In His Service, Reverend Dr. Henry E. Green, Jr., Pastor Mount Hermon AME Church Fort Lauderdale, Florida



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November 20, 2017

Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan United States District Judge 300 North Hogan Street Jacksonville, Fl.

Re: Mitigation for Former Congresswoman Corrine Brown

Dear Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan,

May it please this Honorable Court.

My name is Beryl Thompson-McClary and I am a friend of Corrine Brown as well as an attorney. I come before this court as a friend and I submit this statement from a personal perspective. Approximately 18 years ago former Congresswoman Brown upon one request assisted my nephew Jamal Sowell into getting into West Point in by giving him a professional recommendation. Without this recommendation for this African American student, he would not have been able to meet the requirements for the submission of his application to West Point to which he was accepted. The family of this young man was not of significant financial means or influence. She was not acquainted with him or his family. Corrine Brown upon first request, was immediately cooperative in helping an African American male succeed, which has always been her goal and passion.

This young man later became the president of the student body at the University of Florida in 2004-2005. The young man's Mother would appear today to express her gratitude but, she is now deceased. But, many times we spoke of her efforts with much gratitude.

I have included a statement from Jamal Sowell submitted to me in his own words that he has asked that I provide to you below.

"In the fall of 1999, I was in the process of applying to colleges. I desired to apply to West Point, but a Congressional recommendation letter was needed. Many thought it was out of my reach since I was a student from a neighborhood in Orlando that does not traditionally send students to West Point. However, Representative Brown knew that it was well within the reach of students from my neighborhood since they had unlimited potential and courage.

As such, my mother called Congresswoman Brown to ask for a letter. The congresswoman went out of her way to get me that letter, and because of that I was accepted into West Point. Though I decided to attend the University of Florida, I will always be thankful to Representative Brown for the way she made sure that a kid from Pine Hills was given a chance."

Jamal Sowell.

Ms. Brown is gracious and took her charge to help her constituents with faithfulness. I must note the person conveyed by the prosecution was not the Former Congresswoman we knew and respected. It was the wrong picture painted.

Thereby, we would ask the Court for leniency and mercy for a champion of people. The same mercies and grace she has extended to so many others we would ask the court to extend such to her.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sberyl Thompson-McClary, Esq.

Enclosure: BTM/MF

cc: File November 19, 2017

Honorable Timothy J.Corrigan United States District Judge Middle <u>District of Florida</u> 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

RE: Corrine Brown

Dear Judge Corrigan:

My name is Sandra Brisbane, the widow of the Late, Pastor Dwight Edward Brisbane Sr. I'm a 70 year old native of Jacksonville, Florida, graduate of Edward Waters College, License Practical Nurse and a community volunteer. I have been a proud constituent and supporter of Corrine Brown since she was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1982. I have witnessed Corrine Brown being faithful, helpful and caring to her family, friends and constituents. She was always working to help others achieve their goals and get support for their needs.

Corrine Brown helped to change the life of my husband, Pastor Dwight Brisbane and our family back in 1994. During one of her frequent visits to the Veterans Clinic here in Jacksonville, Corrine Brown met my husband. She took the time to listen to his concerns with the V.A. Administration, Medical Clinic and his health. My husband told her about his experience in Vietnam. He came home from the Vietnam War wounded from guns shots, with bullets and scrap metal in his body. After working as a Mail Carrier for 10 years, he was unable to pass the annual health physical. So, he was given 20% medical disability. He explained to Corrine Brown his inability to be employed due to his disability and disease in his body stemming from his time spent in the Vietnam War. Allow me to make a long story short... Corrine Brown worked diligently to help my husband receive his VA benefits and be recognized as 100% Disabled Vietnam Veteran.

The help we and other have received from Corrine Brown has changed our lives for the better. Without the help and support from Corrine Brown, I'm not sure how we would have been able to provide a healthy living for our 12 children.

Judge Corrigan, I know Corrine Brown to be a loving, caring and God fearing person. And, I ask that you will show her grace, mercy and leniency when making your decision about her future. I believe we all fall short sometimes and make mistakes rather intentional or unintentional. I also believe Corrine Brown would better serve our community by not sending her to prison, but giving her probation to include community service.

Respectfully, Sandra Brisbane

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St. John Misslonary Baptist Church Dr. Rolous A. Frazier Jr., Pastor

November 20, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan:

I am very please to give a character letter for Congresswoman Corrine Brown. As a pastor and a professor, I have watched Corrine work throughout the community in Orlando and the state Florida. I have known Congresswoman Brown for over fifteen years and have the up most respect for her.

Congresswoman Brown is bright, energetic, compassionate, and genuinely well rounded. Her character has been consistent throughout the years I have been acquainted with her. She has actively participated in helping our congregation, and help developed many church projects for other ministries. Her strength is leadership, compassionate care, and team involvement. As an individual who has a Master in Divinity and a Doctor Degree in Ministry, I know the importance of leadership, compassionate care, and team involvement.

Congresswoman Brown has also spent considerable amounts of time with our church which involved many activities for this community. She has a heart for youth, seniors, and has done many programs to help change their lives. She participated with the ministerial alliance and pastor conference in which she was the conference speaker. Congresswoman Brown is well known for her leadership expertise and community involvement.

Congresswoman Brown knows her purpose in life, and has made it clear that her goal is to make a difference in people lives. She has done that for me personally and because of her my ministry is doing so well. To this end she has worked tirelessly in her life to make sure she accomplished this. Although Congresswoman Brown is not perfect, she strives for perfection in everything she does.

In closing, I would like to say I pray you find it in your heart to give her probation and not any jail time. This community and state needs her for all she does for the people she served. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call at anytime (407-383-5786).

Sincerely

Dr. Rolous A. Fragier Ar.

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November 17, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan
United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
300 N. Hogan Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan:

I respectfully write to you today as a Member of Congress, former colleague, and friend of Congresswoman Corrine Brown. In making your determination on Congresswoman Brown's sentencing, I wanted to take a moment of your time to reflect on her character.

I have personally known Ms. Brown for more than 20 years. I can attest to how intensely she has worked to serve her community throughout her tenure in Congress and her unwavering commitment to public service. While the charges against her are indeed very serious, it is important that we acknowledge the entirety of her life and the actions that have come to define her, and how she will never be able to reclaim her former life and reputation. I know firsthand of the countless individuals throughout her former district and across the state of Florida who have learned and been enriched by her insight, support, and guidance. She is a widely respected member of the community who has dedicated herself to fulfilling the needs of others.

Since 1993, during my many years of service on the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I have witnessed Congresswoman Brown's unbridled compassion and interest in a diverse array of ideas from committee members on both sides of the aisle. She worked extraordinarily hard on every transportation reauthorization bill to the benefit of each and every American, regardless of background or political affiliation. Congresswoman Brown has been a champion for America's veterans not only as the Ranking Member on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, but also throughout her personal life.

In reviewing all of the evidence, I hope that you can take into account all of the anguish that she has experienced as a consequence of her actions in the face of tremendous public scrutiny and condemnation. I implore you to judge her by the sum of her life, and not only by the mistakes that she has made.

I appreciate your time and devotion to the public, and thank you again for your serious consideration of my endorsement of Congresswoman Brown's character.

Sincerely.

Eddie Bernice Johnson Member of Congress

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Dear Judge Corrigan,

My name is S and I currently reside in Shaker Heights, Ohio. As of right now, I am a senior at Shaker Heights High School. Towards the beginning of my freshman year in high school, I was fortunate enough to participate in a foreign delegation program that allowed me to travel to China, where I managed to find life-long friends, who all reside in different states. While having this once-in-a-lifetime experience, this trip taught me to have a more open mind about the world we live in. It's easy for one to judge a culture based on how the media portrays a country, but once you experience the culture for yourself, you tend to realize that you made a bad judgment. It also taught me independence. I never rode on a plane by myself so I was a little nervous when I left my parents. They reassured me that I was in good hands, but deep inside I was scared. I was all by myself and scared I would get lost, but when I landed to where I needed to land, I realized that what I had done was a piece of cake. We learned about the history of China, and even walked the Great Wall! When I came back to the states, and told my friends, they thought I was lying when I said I walked the Great Wall. It took me approximately two hours to climb the wall. While walking, there was something inside of me that wanted to give up, but I didn't because I knew that an opportunity like this wouldn't happen again. I realized that as I walked up the wall, if I stopped, I would have regretted not walking the whole thing because I wanted to do something that nobody I knew had done. When I finally reached the top, I felt like I accomplished something big in my life because I never would have pictured myself going to China and meeting some of the greatest people. I believe the intention of this trip was to allow students to have a chance to explore another culture than theirs. We have familiarized ourselves with the Chinese-American lifestyle, but it was nice to be able to compare

and contrast the two cultures. Once I finished my two hour walk, I bought merchandise and even took pictures as proof because I wanted someone to see the amount of fun I was having. I also wanted someone to look at this trip as someone being fortunate to know someone as warmhearted, selfless, and empowering as Congresswoman Corrine Brown. That is one thing that makes Ms. Brown unique from the rest. She sacrifices so much so that people are equally pleased and will do anything and everything until the job gets executed.

I have know Ms. Corrine Brown for roughly ten years. Within those ten years of knowing her, I was also given the opportunity to join the Congresswoman and Martin Luther King Jr's son, Martin Luther King III for dinner while I was on vacation in Florida with my grandmother, my grandfather, and my aunt. During the duration of the dinner, she allowed me to share a few fond memories I had while being a foreign delegate in China. Again, I was very fortunate enough to have experience this trip because this trip taught me that life is too short so enjoy the things you do now because tomorrow's promised to nobody. This trip was the start to many trips I would be given the opportunity to participate in because it gave me the stamina to not shy away from exploring the world. My aunt always tells me that the world is a such a big place and you have to utilize all the materials you have in order for you to be successful. She also mentions that you must have an open mind because if you don't, you miss out on opportunities such as this. The China trip not only taught me to be open-minded to their culture, but the culture of others from whom I traveled with.

In my heart of hearts, I would only hope that you allow Ms. Corrine Brown to not serve any jail time because she has suffered a great deal of pain. Not only has she dealt with the scrutiny of the media, but she has also lost her position as Congresswoman. I would also hope you take into consideration the amount of work she put forth towards the trip so that we, the attendees, could

have a trip of a lifetime that had an impact on our lives. For some, this trip changed us for the better. A lot of us mentioned that this would be the first of many trips we experience because of the amount of fun we had. I would like for you to also know that this trip encouraged me to take part in other international trips that were coordinated by my school officials for choir. I was able to take part in a trip in Austria-Hungary and this year, I would be allowed the opportunity to go to Greece as my final trip in my senior year. Again, I can only ask that you possibly consider reducing her sentence.

Sincerely,

November 20, 2017

Dear Judge Corrigan,

Congresswoman Corrine Brown has served as a mentor and role model for so many including myself. She has played a major role in my growth and development as a person and as a professional. She is the kind of leader who can connect with all people from so many different walks of life. This former member of Congress never forgot where she came from, but more importantly, who helped her to get there. I believe it has been her own life's story that continues to motivate her to do more for those who are in need.

During one of her town hall meetings, I was given the opportunity to extend the welcome at the age of three! There were so many other opportunities to share my talents during my public school years. I was just one of many students she encouraged over the years. During those years, we were a working class family. I received a number of scholarships and awards during my senior year of high school. However, it was earning the Congressional Black Caucus Scholarship that meant the most to me. Congresswoman Brown attended my college graduation from Bethune-Cookman University where I finished magna cum laude. I am very much appreciative of her interest and investment in me and so many others just like me. I am now working in downtown Orlando with a major international human resources organization.

I have shared just a few major stages of my life in which Congresswomen Brown made possible via her concern, commitment and involvement. It is because of these experiences that it was easy to see that she often put other's needs before her own. She was a public servant and now a community contributor who continues to change lives, including mine. Please find it in your heart to strongly consider and render compassion by way of community service.

Sincerely,

Danielle L. McGill

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Orlando, FL 32818

November 19, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan
United States District Court Middle District of Florida
300 N. Hogan Street
Jacksonville, FL

Dear Judge Corrigan:

I met Congresswoman Corrine Brown when she employed my husband, Reginald McGill, as her Central Florida District 3 Director in 1993. From day one, I noticed that she had the strong desire and heart to serve the constituents of her district. She was very fond of young people, senior citizens and veterans. She provided many opportunities for our daughter, Danielle, to exhibit her oral speaking skills and to advance her education through the Congressional Black Caucus Scholarship. These same opportunities were afforded to other young people as well.

I have observed Congresswoman Brown interacting with senior citizens at the workshops she hosted to discuss issues that concerned seniors the most. Her patience and down-to-earth attitude won the hearts of seniors.

As the daughter of a veteran, I have appreciated and admired Congresswoman Brown's fight for veterans who have given so much to this country. She sees the need and does all she can to fulfill the person's need.

I ask that you please consider granting Congresswoman Brown community service in lieu of incarceration. She has served her community to the best her ability for many years and has our support. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deborah McGill

Orlando, FL 32818



Pray fully submitted,

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Alexander H. Smith, Immediate Past President

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20 November 2017

To: Honorable Judge From: Alexander H. Smith

Subject: Mercy for former U.S. Congresswoman Corrine Brown

GREETINGS in the name of Him that said, "Let there be light;"

It is my prayer that when this communication reach you it will aid you in deciding the sentence for Former U.S. Congresswoman Corrine Brown. I support thousands of other that feel former US Congresswoman Corrine Brown should be shown mercy in the sentence phase of her trail.

There is a saying, "that you don't use a sledge hammer to kill a nat." I believe that this phrase is appropriate in is case with former US Congresswoman Corrine Brown. Former Congresswoman Brown while serving those she represented did not forget those at the grass roots of our community. While in office she enacted Legislation and sponsored Bills to improve the quality of life for not only those in her District but for the entire United States. She was a fighter for the citizens she represented as well as a fighter for local government. She was indeed a hard worker and her slogan indeed represented who she was "Corrine Delivers." While in office pushing for and receiving funding for a much needed new runway at the Orlando International Airport, job training programs and transportation just to name a few.

During the years that I have known former Congresswoman Brown she has carried herself in a manner where she received respect from those she came in contact with. There was not problem too small that she would not give attention too, nor was there any individual that she considered as a nobody. She was a very personable politician and in touch with those she represented.

In 2012 our organization held its National Biennial Convention in Orlando and was going to recognize two individuals (one male, one female) as its 1st National Biennial Humanitarian's. The membership of the state of Florida chose to have US Congresswoman Corrine Brown recognized with this honor. When asked why the comments were all the same. The support that she gives to those she represent, a hard worker and one that does not mind getting down in the trenches. The common man or woman she listens to. When invited to attend a function no matter how large or small whenever possible she attends, not send someone; that means a lot.

Therefore as the immediate Past President of the General Grand Masonic Congress A.F. & A.M. Of the USA, I support the community in granting mercy to former US Congresswoman Corrine Brown.

To: The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan

From: Roslyn Burrough –

Re: Sentencing Memorandum for Corrine Brown

I have known Corrine Brown for more than 60 years. We grew up in the same neighborhood, (northwest Jacksonville) attended most of the same schools, (Moncrief Elementary and Northwestern Jr. Sr. High School). Our parents were friends.

Growing up during this time our parents selected our friends and were very careful to watch and be involved in all our "business". We were taught that it is our responsibility to take care of our family, our community locally and at large, and to do and be the very best in whatever task we took on.

Corrine excelled in her career as a local and national public servant and I have had success as a Broadway/international performing artist. When Corrine invited me to work with her part time in her congressional district, to do outreach to school children, parents, seniors, inmates and veterans, I was excited, honored and thrilled! My responsibility was to give motivational talks and mini concerts in various settings (ranging in size from five to several hundred) in her district. I was also in charge of some of her special projects, like awarding hundreds of computers to worthy needy students.

Not only did I love what I was doing, I got a very up close and personal look at the serious, sincere, dedicated, phenomenal work my friend was undertaking. Did I say sincere? She has a heart for helping all people and getting her WORK done. Corrine's accomplishments have been OUTSTANDING!

It is very unfortunate that a guilty verdict has been placed on this situation, but it is my prayer that you, Your Honor, would strongly take in consideration the remarkable work Corrine Brown has done for so many citizens as you make your decision.

Thank you for your attention.

Roslyn Burrough divides her time between her native home, Jacksonville, Florida and her professional home Brooklyn, New York. Roz is an original "out of the box" classroom teacher, who serves as a consultant, and conducts staff development presentations for many school districts throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, Africa, Asia and Europe. Roz has appeared in 17 Broadway musicals, receiving critical acclaim for her performances in *The Wiz, Showboat, Purlie, Porgy and Bess, The Sound of Music,* and *Bubblin' Brown Sugar*. Burrough has performed concerts internationally and recorded jazz and spiritual albums.

She creates lessons for teachers' manuals and workshops, and writes songs for children. She is an author and featured singer with Silver Burdett Ginn *music textbook series* (K-8).

Roz has received numerous prestigious awards and honors to include singing for Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, and Pope John Paul II.

Roslyn Burrough passionately weaves her infectious performance skills into carefully crafted lessons that reach, teach and win the hearts of children and adults of all ages.

Jacksonville, FL 32208 November 20, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Judge Corrigan

Time is such a special part of our lives and we tend to do a variety of things with it. Some things are productive, some are great, such as providing caring and sharing services to communities in cities and states to help people who can't otherwise help themselves.

Congresswoman Corrine Brown, over many years, did great things for many communities and our country. She put others first and actually showed caring and sharing for so many people.

I feel that her life should speak for her, not overlooking her faults because we <u>all</u> have some in our own lives.

Please consider not imposing a prison term on Congresswoman Brown but rather let her devote her time to doing good works for the people in Jacksonville and surrounding communities.

Sincerely

Rev. and Mrs. Gregory Jones

Dr. Constance S. Hall

Jacksonville, Florida 32226

November 19, 2017

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan,

I am writing this letter of support for former Congresswoman Corrine Brown who has recently received a guilty verdict. As a native of Jacksonville for 67 years, I have had an abundance of opportunities to observe and participate firsthand, Corrine Brown diligently representing her community and the City of Jacksonville. Her stamina, persistence and genuine concern for people, whether they were her constituents or not, was always evident. Through her persistence she provided access to community resources that were not readily provided for specific citizens within specific communities. Her numerous Job Fairs addressed the nucleus of need for the community.

I served as a Principal for 14 years at a school within her district and attended church within her district. I would regularly disseminate resource materials to parents and community members, requested from her in which she provided, and of events hosted by her. I can attest that the resources that she provided to the community did not occur in other districts across the city. I have resided in other areas of the city and know that her access and visibility within the community was beyond reproach.

In conclusion, as a former Board Member for Duval County Public Schools, former Congresswoman Brown served as my role model by exemplifying courage, stamina, persistence, focus, helping others, conscientiousness, responsiveness, and God fearing. I hope that her attributes will continue to be beneficial to the community.

Constance S. Hall

The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan 300 N. Hogan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32202

November 20, 2017

RE: Request for leniency For Former Congresswoman Corrine Brown

Your Honor,

My name is Denise Hunt and I am a Florida Registered Nurse for 21 years and a proud graduate of Bolles High School, Florida Community College at Jacksonville and The University of North Florida. I have spent most of my life working as a community activist to advocate for the marginalized and disadvantaged in the underserved communities of Jacksonville, Florida.

I am writing to urge leniency in the sentencing of Former Congresswoman Corrine Brown whom I have known personally since 2015, but she has served as my Representative in Congress for the 5th district of Florida for 23 years of my life. I am aware of the seriousness of the charges, and I believe that she understands and accepts her role in these crimes. I am simply asking for fairness and leniency considering her years of dedicated service to our community and this country.

The first time I came into contact with former Congresswoman Corrine Brown was at the courthouse after the sentencing of Marisa Alexander, where I stood alongside her as she was moved to tears by Mrs. Alexander's children pleading with her to help their mother. I will never forget the passion and her resolve to help their mother after being confronted in the hallway by State Attorney Angela Corey. I was inspired and moved by her fearless and courageous passion to stand for equal justice.

Since that initial meeting, I have come to know her personally and I want you to know that she is a kind-hearted, passionate person that even took the time to take me to the Elizabeth Means Health facility to get medical treatment for my Hypertension. She was my advocate to make sure I received proper healthcare. Subsequently, she has been generous to my son, Christian Richardson with Down 's syndrome and has sponsored his day services at Ben's Place. She is a tireless advocate for the disabled, the elderly, the disenfranchised and any person that asks her for help. I have watched her, even after she was un-elected from political office continue to advocate, problem solve and intervene for those in need in our community.

I came to the courthouse on the sentencing and I had to leave the courtroom after hearing the prosecutor's remarks. His remarks were painful and traumatizing, considering the hard-fought-for battles for civil rights and equality in this country, where so many African-American leaders such as slain civil rights leaders like, Dr. Martin Luther King and Medgar Evers suffered. I believe if they were alive they would have echoed the same racial oppression sentiments that Former Congresswoman Corrine

Brown described in many of her comments based on their writings. I strongly feel that it is unfair to use her "lived-experience" of race, racism, and discrimination as retaliation for a longer sentence. Her lived experience of racism and discrimination is not a crutch to evade accountability for her role in the crimes she was convicted. It is merely, telling the narratives of so many African-Americans in this city that identify with her sentiments, but are silent due to the perception of retaliation and are afraid to come forward.

I want you to know that it took much courage to write this letter, and I am asking you to consider the voices of the people who love and respect her and also want leniency for her but have not come forward.

Thank you for considering this request for leniency.

Sincerely,

Denise Hunt

To The Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan
300 N. Hogan Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

I just want to take the time to write about Congresswoman Corrine Brown and to point out who she has been to me. I have been following her case and I am truly disappointed in regards to the guilty verdict that she has received. In a time where everyone is speaking on her flaws, shortcomings and mistakes, I would like to mention some of the positive characteristics about her that I cherish. Brown has been an upstanding citizen for many years and has accomplished much. She has fought to create bills and. policies that helped to better communities that many people write off and forget about. Pointing out the good in her will

not change a guilty verdict, but I would like for you to see that there are those of us who still respect and honor Brown for who she has consistently been for us.

I remember a time back in 2009, I was one of the homeowners who fell victim to one of those ballon mortgages. The economy was falling and I was making less, yet my mortgage was going up. Going through that foreclosure was a terrible time for me and it was a breath of fresh air to see Congresswoman Corrine Brown fighting to aid those just like me and pushing to create policy that would provide support for those who were losing their homes. I did lose my home, but I believe that I was able to keep it a little longer because of her push. She did her job well, that is why she was reelected so many times. In many cases, she won by wide margins. This is because she worked hard

for the community and the people took notice to that. Brown was always very involved with the community. When she attended charity and outreach events, she was hands on and reachable. It was not just a publicity moment for her, but she actually cared about the people. You don't see that often in political figures anymore.

Congresswoman Brown cared about us and I still care about her. I still believe that all the good that she has done outweighs all else. The guilty verdict, the charges, the accusations, all of it. When someone spends so many years fighting for those who don't know how to fight for themselves, you should celebrate them and appreciate them. I hate that all of this has taken place. Her good name is forever tarnished for a lot of people. For me, her name is still inspiring. I will never forget

who she truly is and what she has done.

Sincerely,

Tarence Bristol

Orlando, Fl 32811

November 19, 2017

Hi, my name is Mrs. Wanda Dixon,

Mrs. Corrine Brown has worked hard for all the people in her District, she fought for the people of all races and their families. She spoke forcefully and powerful for those who did not have a voice. She cares about the people and love them she did a lot for the people as a member of congress. My best friend Mrs. Althea Mikel and I went to Washington, D. C. to visit. and Mrs. Corrine Brown had told my friend to let her know when were coming to Washington, D. C. my friend called Mrs. Corrine Brown and let her know that we were coming.

We came to the capital and Mrs. Brown she was so very nice and kind to us she took pictures with us her and her staff. She had her staff member take us on a tour of the capital. Mrs. Corrine Brown is an asset and should not go to jail!!!!! God bless You Mrs. Brown.

Thank you.

TO: The Honorable Timothy Corrigan

300 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

My name is Wilbert Neal and I am a Jacksonville native. I am a full time music arranger for international R & B legend Charlie Wilson, as well as both a media/radio personality and career entrepreneur. I met Congresswoman Corrine Brown through my work with The Florida Star Newspaper. As one who has always kept up with current events, I could go on and on about the many things Ms. Brown has done for the city of Jacksonville, as well as her role in fighting for United States Veterans. However, my work with the Florida Star is what opened the door for me to share with Ms. Brown via countless conversations and interviews. I had the distinct pleasure of transcribing a very informative interview between Congresswoman Brown and Tom Wills of WJCT Channel 4. Amidst the many interviews and conversations I have had, both on radio and in person, this proved to be one of the most high profile stories for me to date. I was also asked to co-host a benefit concert in early September that featured gospel music great Shirley Caesar. The amount of support that Ms. Brown received was mind blowing. This was both one of the most high profile events that I have hosted, as well as another testament to how much Ms. Brown has positively impacted those in our community.

I am aware of the guilty verdict that was passed down on her case, as well as the possible terms of punishment that she faces. As one of her loyal supporters, I humbly ask that you consider the type of person Ms. Brown has been to me and countless others when deciding on a suitable action to take. At some point we all fall. However, with God's help, we are all able to get back up and finish this race called life.

Sincerely and Humbly,

Wilbert Neal

Jacksonville, FL, 32218