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Re: Case #3PA-09-2996 CR, State of Alaska vs. Clayton Allison

To whom it may concern:

My name is Miriam Little. I have known Clayton Allison for a little over 10 years. I met him when we were both students at Mat-Su Community College. I am the program director at Aurora Kids, a gym for children. We teach dance and gymnastics to children ranging from 10 months-16 years old. For as long as I have known Clayton he has been an upstanding individual, always looking to help and encourage others.

I have been a close friend to both Clayton and his wife, CJ, for many years. I was present at their wedding and held their daughter, Jocelynn, when she was just hours old. With everything that is in me, I know that Clayton Allison is innocent of this crime he has been convicted of. I witnessed him, on many occasions, with his daughter and with other children, and never saw anything that would cause alarm. I grew up with an abusive parent and spent enough time around Clayton to know that he is not that type of person. Clayton Allison has been wrongly convicted. I sat in on the closing arguments of his trial. I was unable to attend the rest of the trial due to being subpoenaed as a witness. Even just sitting in and listening to closing arguments, I could see that reasonable doubt had been presented. The jury failed to do its job correctly.

If Clayton cannot be exonerated of this crime, I would like to recommend that minimal time be sentenced. Clayton has performed as nothing but an upstanding citizen both before and during this entire ordeal. He was a member of the student government when I met him at college. He has worked with individuals with special needs for many years and has tutored and served in many other capacities over the years. He was under third party restriction for several years after being indicted the first time and never once violated his restrictions in any way. He in fact, went above and beyond to ensure that he followed every rule imposed on him. After his indictment was dropped, he made no move to flee or escape, even though he knew another indictment was likely to follow. These are not the actions of a guilty man. Even the prosecutor stated that no one thinks Mr. Allison meant to kill his daughter.

Clayton Allison is one of the most honorable, trustworthy, kind, and generous individuals I have had the pleasure of calling friend. He is well loved and supported

by many. His daughter was loved and cared for even more so. If anyone believed Clayton had harmed her, we would not be fighting so hard for his freedom. Clayton poses no threat to society. His incarceration will serve no higher purpose to warn others off of similar crimes. He is an innocent man, wrongly imprisoned and being punished for an event that was a tragedy. The loss of a child is one of the greatest sorrows any individual can know. On top of that grief, Clayton and CJ have had to endure seven years of false accusations, while their precious child's memory has been twisted and turned into something horrific. I implore you to end the torture of these people as well as the many family and friends that support them. The justice system is meant to protect, but over the last seven years it has only served to grieve. Please right this wrong. Clayton Allison deserves freedom.

Sincerely,

Miriam Little
