

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	No. 08 CR 888
<i>Plaintiff,</i>)	
)	Honorable James B. Zagel
vs.)	Judge Presiding
)	
ROD BLAGOJEVICH,)	
)	
<i>Defendant.</i>)	

EXHIBIT A

To: Judge Zagel

2-6-16

My name is ^{I am} writing a character letter for Mr. Blagojevich.

I have known Rod for quite some time now. We have been incarcerated together in Federal Prison Camp Englewood. From what I've known, he is a very helpful person. He works in Education and makes time for anybody who needs help.

He is committed to his job. In his leisure time he works out and watches sports. I get along well with Rod. He has a great personality and is an honest person!

Sincerely

Dear Honorable Judge Zagel,

I have some difficulty reading and writing so I am having another inmate help me write this letter on Mr Blagojevich's behalf.

My name is _____ and I am a 63 year old man serving a 14 year sentence for possession and distribution of methamphetamine. I am currently serving out my sentence in the Federal Prison Camp in Englewood Colorado with former Governor Rod Blagojevich.

Mr. Blagojevich was my teacher in the GED class. I have not had much formal education, especially in math and reading, and only went as far as the 3rd grade. Mr. Blagojevich helped me a lot. He really cares about other people and you can tell he really wants you to succeed. He has always been kind a patient with me.

I know that he is about to be resentedenced and that is why I am writing. He is a devoted family man and has paid a heavy price being away from his wife and daughters. It is my opinion me is a good honorable man and should be home with his family.

Sincerely,

Federal Prison Camp- Englewood
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

July 2, 2016

Honorable Judge Zagel,

I have a difficult time reading and writing so I am having another inmate help me with this letter.

I never had much of a chance to get an education and Mr. Blagojevich has helped me try to get my GED. He helped me with my math as well as with my reading.

I have known Mr. Blagojevich, some of us call him "The Gov", about a year and a half. Since he came to the camp he has been a nice man, always polite and respectful. He is humble and always willing to help. I know he has helped a lot of people besides me.

When he was helping me in the GED class he was very patient and took the time to explain to me how to solve some of the problems. And it was kind of good to see that on some of the harder math questions he'd have to get help himself. He wasn't afraid to let some of his students know that on some questions any better than we did. I will always remember the joke he made when he got a math question wrong and told the class "Well, you guys should take note of this and be encouraged. If I could be Governor, some of you guys could be President." He was humble and never made any of us that sold drugs feel like he was better than us.

I wish him the best and hope he can get home to his family.

Sincerely,

9595 W. Quincy Ave
Littleton, CO 80123

To: Judge Zagel

My name is _____ I am
from _____ CA. I'm serving prison time, a
9 year prison sentence for a conspiracy to sell
drugs. I met Mr. Blagojevich 18 months ago when
he came to the Federal Prison CAMP Englewood Co.
The "gobi" is a nice person, very respectful and
doesn't look down on anybody. He has helped me
here at the camp with my job and other things.
He is a very hard worker and a nice person. I
always see him at the gym working out hard
and tease him about the holes he has in his
shirts. He respects my mexican heritage and
tries to learn how to speak spanish by asking
me how to say certain words.
I wish him well and hope he can be with his
family soon.

Respectfully;

To: Judge Zagel

From:

Re: Character Reference for Rod Blagojevich

Dear Judge Zagel,

It is my understanding that former Governor Rod Blagojevich is in the process of being resentenced. With that in mind I wanted so share with you my thoughts about his character.

I am a fellow inmate with Mr. Blagojevich at the Federal Prison Camp in Englewood Colorado serving a sentence for conspiracy to distribute meth. Regardless of the nature of my offense he treats me with respect. He really is a good guy, always up-beat and especially helpful.

You can really tell someones character by how they treat others, especially those that have been less fortunate and Mr. Blagojevich treats everyone with the patience and dignity they deserve. He never snubs anyone and is very humble.

I believe he would be an upstanding citizen and doing much more for our society out there than in this prison.

Sincerely, ,

Federal Prison Camp
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

Honorable Judge Zagel,

My name is _____ and I am incarcerated with Mr. Rod Blagojevich. He has asked me to write a letter on his behalf.

I have known Mr Blagojevich for approximately a year and a half. He has always been very nice, friendly and works in the law library. I got to know Rod when he was a GED tutor and helped me learn some of the things I needed for my GED.

He and I are both regulars at the Christian meetings some inmates hold every evening at 5:30. The Governor is there a lot, and he has given talks there that are very interesting. I have learned a lot from those talks and he inspired me to keep trying to be my best. He inspires many guys here in the camp that same way. His talks are mostly about people in history that have fallen, but went on to do good things. He would tell us to learn from those examples and try to do the same in our lives.

He is a good man and he really loves his family. And I pray that everything works out for him.

Sincerely,

Federal Correctional Camp- Englewood
9595 W. Quincy Ave
Littleton, CO 80123

Dear Judge,

I asked a fellow Inmate help
me write and type this letter.

P.S.

With the Govs help I
got my G.E.D.

July 3, 2016

Dear Honorable Judge Zagel,

I have difficulty reading and writing and am therefore having another person help me with the letter.

I am incarcerated at the Federal Prison Camp in Englewood Colorado with former Governor Rod Blagojevich. He asked me to write a character letter on his behalf. I first met the former Governor when he was a tutor in the GED class. He took a real interest in me and the other guys in the class. I could tell that he really wanted to help and make sure we passed our GED tests. I'm still working on mine.

He is a very nice man and he always takes an interest in my health. I have many health problems including my heart and I have a glass eye. He has helped me with a lot of things and helps a lot of the other guys too.

I have known him for almost a year and a half. He is always asking me about my family and I can tell he cares very much about his wife and his daughters. He is a good family man.

I know his is going up for resentencing and I hope for him and his family the very best.

Sincerely,

To Honorable Judge Zagel,

My name is _____ and I am incarcerated with Rod Blagojevich at the camp in Englewood Colorado. I was transferred here in May of this year from Marion Illinois so I have known Mr. Blagojevich for about 6 weeks. I was convicted on a cocaine conspiracy case and given a 72 month sentence, of which I have completed 7 months.

I am a convicted drug offender and to Mr. Blagojevich I am given the utmost respect, just like everyone else. That has been the thing that has impressed me the most, he could have shunned me and kept to himself and with the other white collar offenders but he doesn't. He respects us all and treats us all as equals. To me that has been the biggest eye opener, this man is of the highest moral character. He was at the top level of politics, and all that goes along with that, and now he is in prison with so many true felons and he accepts that as fate, with his head held high, no ego, no arrogance and most importantly with humble humility.

As I struggle with my situation, being apart from my family, he gives me comfort and advice on how to cope with the adversity and still maintain those family ties.

I cannot express enough he has helped me and made me rethink my stereotypes about him and people like him. Before meeting him I would have thought that someone with his background would not have even wanted to acknowledge me, but the opposite is true. He wants to help, offer advice and constant encouragement.

As an average Joe convicted drug offender I ask that you really look into this man's heart and how much he has changed for the better.

Sincerely,

Federal Prison Camp- Englewood
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

To The Honorable Judge Zagel:

My name is _____ I met Rod Blagojevich at the Englewood camp facility. I have found him to be a sincere and good-natured fellow. He seems to get along with everyone here, and is always ready to help out when anyone needs assistance. He is a devout Christian, and certainly is not a threat to anyone, in or out of prison. Rod is just a genuinely nice guy, and it's hard to imagine him being on the wrong side of the law. I certainly think everyone would be better served if he were once again a productive member of society instead of being in here.

Sincerely,

September 1, 2015

Honorable Judge Zagel,

I have known Mr. Rod Blagojevich, the Governor, since he arrived at Camp Englewood eight (8) months ago.

In my researching of the camp, before I became an inmate, I found that the Governor was singled out as the inmate "behind the fence" at the facility. Noting this status, I was incredibility impressed with the humility that he expressed at our first encounter.

On numerous occasions I have observed him meeting with other inmates one-on-one and ingroups. I have overheard the Governor make positive contributions where he offered the benefit of his life's experiences to all that asked for help.

He has always been a model prisoner and a positive contributor to me and to other inmates.

The Governor has made the best of a difficult environment and in my opinion holds no hatred and only forgiveness in his heart.

Please, Your Honor, show the Governor every possible leniency in any decision you make concerning his future.

Respectively,

Sept 2, 2015

To the Honorable Judge Zagel,

This letter is in regards to Rod Blagojevich, ex-Illinois Govenor, and fellow inmate.

My name is _____ and I have done much of my sentence with Mr. Blagojevich, both at the F.C.I. and the F.P.C. here at the Englewood, Colorado facility.

I just wanted to inform you that while we were at the F.C.I. I attended and completed one of the classes that Mr. Blagojevich was teaching and I can honestly say that out of the many classes and programs that I attended, I found Mr. Blagojevichs to be the most interesting. Not only was the information acutely accurate, it was well presented, interesting and mentally stimulating. Fellow inmates that were involved in classes that he taught that I didn't personally attend, gave the same satisfying reports to me that I am now giving to you. I would "Highly" recommend to ANYONE to take one of his education classes, they would not leave disappointed.

These words I speak to you are sincere and have in no-way been fabricated to mislead you.

With Utmost Respect,

My name is _____ I am writing
this letter on behalf of Former Governor
Rod Blagovich. I have known Rod for
about a year now, but it seems like
much longer. Rod is a very caring, compassionate
& good friend. Rod & I come from
completely opposite backgrounds, yet we
have become good friends in the little
bit of time that we have known
each other. I have shared many laughs
with Rod, as well as many deep &
meaningful conversations. In my perspective,
Rod is a very knowledgeable & honest man.
I have been in the visiting room while
he is at a visit with his family & it
warmed my heart to see him interacting
in such a loving way with family.
Of all the people that I have seen
incarcerated, many belong & some don't,
Rod Blagovich is one of the few who don't
belong in prison.

Sincerely,

My name is

I am writing this letter on behalf of Rod Blagojevich. I first met Rod at FCI Englewood. The first time I met Rod was about a week after I was incarcerated. We got to know one another during our walks around the track. Rod is the type that would help you with anything. He is a very knowledgeable person. Rod will give someone in need, the shirt off of his back. He is a great listener, as well as a great friend. As our friendship grew, our conversations reached a more personal level, including talks of family. I graduated from the GED Program at the FCI. A graduation ceremony was held, it included a live musical performance in which Rod sang + performed Elvis Presley, All of which Rod organized, directed + led. Rod was transferred to the FPC shortly before me. Our time here at the camp has been a learning experience for me. Rod is not only an inmate, He is also my friend.

To: Judge Zagel

My name is [REDACTED]
I'm a inmate at Englewood Federal Camp,
[REDACTED]

I have known Rod Blagojevich for about 10 months. I have walked the track with him many times. I talk with him often. I believe he is a very good man. Seems highly intelligent. Rod and I have had a lot of laughs together. Just talking about life in general.

I have known Rod Blagojevich to be a kind giving man to other inmates. He helps out when he can.

My best wishes go with him and his family.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

To Whom This May Concern,

9-4-15

During My Time here At The Federal Prison Camp In Englewood Colorado, I have met people from many different walks of life. Despite The Age difference I have grown Attached To Former Governor Rod Blagojevich, In The LAST year he has shown me A different side To Life. He has preached Politics, Religion, Love and honesty Aside From many different History and Sports lessons. He is Always reaching out and helping The inmates here and he Always has Time to Listen. Getting To know Rod has definitely had an impact on My Life. At First it was during commercials of Cubs games, now it's whenever I have Time to Listen. He is Always in A good Mood and Making people smile. He has opened My eyes to A Future I thought could not be obtained, I AM Thankful to have him as A Mentor And A Friend

Sincerely

Judge Zagel

Your Honor, this is in regards to Mr. Blagojevich. I am David Perry, an inmate at F.P.C. Englewood in Littleton Colo. I have served 10 months at this institution, along with Mr. Rod Blagojevich.

I have come to know Mr. Blagojevich quite well. He served as a tutor in our H.E.W. Education Class, and was a great help to all the students in the Class; Myself especially. He worked with me, and we learned Math together.

Mr. Blagojevich is an intelligent, Considerate person, He's Caring, kind and spiritual. I can honestly say, He's the kind of friend any good Christian would want to have.

Mr. Blagojevich has made lots of friends in this institution who care about him. In the 10 months I have known him; He has made a great impression on me. I admire the man, and he has all my respect. My Best of Wishes go out to him and his family. May our Heavenly Father Bless them. Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,



To whom IT may concern

I have been locked up with The Governor in both
The FCI and the FPC in Colorado my name is
in this time. I have seen him try
to fit in with people he really has no place being
with to sitting out on the bench alone looking as
if his world has fallen apart i dont know the price
The Federal Gov is expecting of him but in my opinion
he's paid it. he seems like a truly good man who got
caught up in some bad stuff

September 4, 2015

Judge Zagel

Dear Judge Zagel,

I am writing this letter in support of Rod Blagojevich.

When I first heard that a Governor was coming to Englewood Camp I thought "Oh great." I'm a drug offender and figured I would have nothing in common with Rod. In the year that he has been here he has become a friend of mine. He is very humble and outgoing. He talks about family alot. If someone asks him a question he has no problem answering and helping others. He still expresses his belief in the government. He is truly a genuine man and I am proud to consider him my friend.

Sincerely,

September 4, 2015

Judge Zagel

Dear Judge Zagel:

It is with great pleasure that I'm writing on behove of my friend and co-worker Mr. Rod Blagojevich.

Mr. Blagojevich, has worked with me for a year now here at FPC Englewood Federal Prison Camp Law Library. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to work with Mr. Blagojevich, who has truly exemplified a great work ethic and a impeccable team spirit in the Law Library.

As I've indicated before it is a great pleasure working with Mr. Blagojevich, who I personally feel is a humbled man now, a very loving family man, and has truly learned a valuable lesson from this experience. And to see a man of his stature and pedigree from a high office position in our Government system humble himself, and who still believes in our American Legal system and our founding fathers core foundational principals, and continues to maintain a positive attitude and have a great influence on other inmates is truly a blessing.

Furthermore, I'm also elated how Mr. Blagojevich has redeemed the time wisely during his incarceration; for example his tremendous drive working out his body and mind, reading, writing and fellowshipping with other inmates.

In closing, I strongly recommend Mr. Blagojevich for any consideration from our judicial court system.

Sincerely,

Co- Worker Englewood Law Library

September 5, 2015

Subject: Mr. Rob Blagojevich

Honorable Judge Zagel,

I'm writing this letter in support of Ex-governor Blagojevich. First, I would briefly say, that I'm also an inmate and that I was charge May 25, 2011 with three counts of wire fraud. I was 67 years at the time. Prior to that charge, I had no criminal record. I worked for the U.S. Government for 22 years as a nuclear electrician; for the Navy and for G.S.A. as a building maintenance manager. I held a secret security clearance.

I have known Mr. Blagojevich for just over three years. In that time I have witness to him becoming increasingly humble and he is empathic with others. Mr. Blagojevich works with undereducated inmates on a daily basis, helping them learn. He's a devoted family man and he talks about his children and wife with great affection and concern.

He has been and is my friend. We spend time talking about government and the direction our nation is moving, both nationally and in foreign policy. He is a strong man with strong convictions and a good heart.

I knew him in prison, before camp, where I took several history classes from him. I found Mr. Blagojevich to be a giving and dedicated teacher. He is motivated.

Please consider my comments to be sincere.

Regards,

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September 14, 2015

Judge Zagel:

Dear Judge Zagel:

I am most pleased to write a character reference for Mr. Rob Blagojevich.

I have known Mr. Rob Blagojevich, for about one year. He's been a great pleasure to be around, and a tremendous asset here at Englewood Camp. He still expresses his belief in our legal system and our Government system. He is truly a genuine and humbled man, and I'm proud to consider him my friend.

In addition, since I've known Mr. Blagojevich he has been very diligent in redeeming the time wisely.

In closing, I strongly recommend Mr. Blagojevich for any consideration from our judicial court system.

Sincerely,

Fellow Inmate

Dear Honorable Judge Zagel

I would first like to thank you for taking your time to read my letter in regards to Mr. Blagojevich. My name is [redacted], I am 26 years old and an inmate here at FPC Englewood. Upon being here and meeting Mr. Blagojevich, I have had the honor of getting to know him as a person. He was the first to notice of me being new and was quick to make sure I had everything that I needed. Mr. Blagojevich made it clear to come to him if I were in need of any help. As time passes here I always see Mr. Blagojevich in a good mood and always willing to help the next person in need. From what I have seen he is a very hard worker and always that one person you can go to, to talk to, or just to have your spirits raised. Thru our conversations I have learned a lot. I have learned to always stay positive, to always better yourself thru very difficult times in our lives, and to keep learning to better our futures. Most of all he has helped me cope thru this difficult time which I believe speaks greatly about his character. I am happy to have met Mr. Blagojevich and happy to call him my friend, because without him this time would have been much more difficult then it already is.

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Unit: ENG-C-A

Dar Judge Zagel

My name is _____, I am an inmate at the Inglewood Camp in Colorado. I have gotten to know the former Governor of Illinois Rod Blagojevich, he's a very respectful and nice man. He carries himself with humility, self respect, he's broken through many social barriers, primarily due to he's charisma and the way he make's others feel. He gives he's undivided attention when he helps anyone that has any questions and they go to him for guidance, he shows everyone respect and treats all with dignity. He is liked by everyone. He is funny and a joy to be around. I'm aware that he's going to meet with you resentencing, I would ask that you take into consideration my words and allow him to go back to he's wonderful family and the people of Illinois that he can serve, the tax payers would be better serve having him there then us here.

Respectfully

On Behalf of Rod Blagojevich

To whom it may concern I have known Rod for a few years now. I have been doing time with him in the FCI and the camp at Englewood Co. Rod has always been a very friendly and caring man in my opinion. He is very knowledgeable and willing to teach others things that he knows. Rod is strong in his faith and devoted. He always keeps a positive outlook on things and promotes positive thinking to those around him. Rod is a avid runner and a loyal sports fan. All in all in my time with Rod I have come to like him respect him and become a fan of him. I think if there were more people like him in the world it would be a better place. Thank you for your time

November 19, 2015

To Whom it May Concern,

My Name is
and I have been in the FPC Englewood
with Rod Blagojevich for four months.
Rod seems to me to be the
type of person that would give
the shirt off of his back
if you needed it. I have watched
him at visits with his family
and he is, a very loving Father
and Husband. It is definitely
a place you would not expect to
see a guy like Rod.

12/9/15

Dear Judge Zager,

I am an inmate here at Englewood Prison Camp. I ran into the Governor here at the camp. I have known him for over a year. He seems like a good guy, he's very respectful, stays out of the way. He works in the Law Library and anytime I need help he is always willing to help.

He spends a lot of his time running and working out in the weight room. He is also at the library a lot reading and helping people out.

Unlike many others in the camp, the Governor has no hustle. He helps others and never asks for anything in return. I wish him the best, I hope your Honor will consider my opinion and restore him to his family.

Sincerely,

Dear Judge Zagel,

My name is . I am currently serving a 30^{Year} sentence.
I have spent the last 13 months serving my sentence with Rod Blagojevich. During that time, I have known him to be a nice man.

During that time, I have known him to be a nice man. He treats everyone with respect, he has always been kind to me. And I know that he has been helpful to a lot of people here.

I hope your Honor can take into account my opinion of Mr. Blagojevich.

Sincerely,

April 2016

Judge Zagel,

I first met Governor Blagojevich over a year ago here at Camp Englewood. Our paths have since crossed daily and as a result I have had the opportunity to see his character in action.

For many years, my wife and family and I have been very involved in starting and serving in various non-profit organizations that serve special needs children, inner city at risk kids, teens and families, and in supporting and strengthening marriages. As a result, one of the character traits in others that has always stood out to me has been people willing to give of their time, energy and skill to help others in need. Rod is such a person.

He has the reputation of making himself available in here to help others. I've watched this numerous times. Rod is a blessing, I only wish there were more such men.

Rod has also spent time teaching about men like Franklin Roosevelt, Lincoln, Washington, and Martin Luther King at the nightly "Scripture Share."

Respectfully

Re: ROD BLAGOJEVICH

To: Honorable Judge Zagel

This statement is made concerning the person and character of Rod Blagojevich, based on the personal knowledge of myself (Jeffrey Steele) as experienced during our mutual time spent at both the FCI-Englewood (low security) and its Satellite Camp in Littleton, Colorado over approximately the last four (4) years.

During time spent at the Bureau of Prison's Facilities, it is intended that a person transform himself and his character for the betterment of himself (specifically) and Society (in general). Rod Blagojevich has done both in an exemplary fashion.

In performance of his job duties in the Education Department and Law Library at both Englewood locations, Mr. Blagojevich has continuously been helpful and outgoing to those with whom he has come in contact. Whether it has been in providing moral support and/or research assistance in matters concerning their legal or personal issues, Mr. Blagojevich has been a listening ear and helpful friend to those needing his assistance. Furthermore, his broad knowledge and various life experiences have been both enlightening and educational to those individuals who need to reform themselves, especially while they are separated from their normal support group of Family and Friends.

I have no doubt that Rod Blagojevich will continue to be a valued asset to Society upon his release from the prison environment.

To Judge Zagel

My name is _____, I am 32 and was born in Casper Wyo. where I have lived most of my life.

I am writing this letter for my friend Rod. I never knew him except for what I seen of him on T.V. in 2010 and such. I was going through my own indictment at the time. I wish I could've met him back then; he can be strong, caring and comforting. And though we don't admit things like that, it's good for us.

When I did meet him here at Englewood he stood out from every one. He's positive when our environment and Pella's are negative, and when all we have experienced is worst case scenarios he's always talking about the best possible outcome. (I am a man who believes in God's Word and people don't rise above what they confess.) I know Rod looks to the Lord too that makes him a smart man to me.

After I had told Rod a little about my family one night he wrote my mom a letter concerning me. It was a big comfort and a joy to them, especially since they do know who he is. My mother asks about him often when I call home.

Rod and I are from two separate sides of the tracks. I am a country boy who's been messed up on drugs most my life. And he knows this about me. He sees potential and great future for me. I think it takes a man unbroken to see and inspire the success of a man who thought he was broken.

I am grateful to meet Rod. I am sorry that he is here. And I am hopeful and confident that his future here will be changed.

Sincerely,

Dear Your Honor,

I am writing you this letter in regards to Rod Blagojevich. I have been incarcerated with the former Governor for the last 10 months. I am just writing to let you know my thoughts and feelings on the former Governor.

I was very suspicious of him and what he is and was all about when he first got here to the camp in Englewood. My suspicions were wrong and I am happy to admit that. He is a very honest and caring man. He never lets anyone feel disliked or left out. If this is the way he acts in here I don't see how he would have acted any different on the streets. How can a man that is so honest and caring have done anything wrong to the people of Illinois. After knowing him I find it hard to believe that the things that he is accused of doing could have happened. It seems to me that all politicians do what he is accused of doing.

I ask you to please go light on his sentence as he has done nothing that other Politicians do in order to run this country. I think that you can understand that to get something done there are compromises that must be made. I believe that the choices that he made were for the better of the people of Illinois and in no way were breaking the law.

Please consider my words and the words of others and have leniency on Mr. Blagojevich. He is a good and honest man and doesn't not deserve to be in prison wasting his good qualities. He should be using them out in the free world where he belongs.

Thank you,

DEAR JUDGE ZAGEL

I AM WRITING ON BEHALF OF
ROD BLASOJEVICH. I AM INCARCERATED
AT THE CAMP IN ENGLEWOOD CO. HE
HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY FRIENDLY TO
ME. HE STAYS BUSY RUNNING,
WORKING OUT, READING AND TEACHING.
I HAVE WITNESSED HIM WITH OTHER
INMATES AND HE TREATS EVERYONE
WITH MUCH RESPECT. I KNOW
A FEW PEOPLE HERE PERSONALLY
THAT HE HAS HELPED ACQUIRE THEIR
G.E.O. HE ALWAYS SEEMS TO HAVE
A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND HE SETS
A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER INMATES.
I HOPE YOUR HONOR CAN TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT MY GOOD FEELINGS FOR
MR. BLASOJEVICH.

June 6 2016

Judge Zagel

RE: Letter of Reference

To: The Honorable Judge Zagel

I'm writing in deepest respect to you, in regard to Mr. Rod Blagojevich whom I have met here in Englewood Federal Prison Camp in Colo. I met Rod here in Nov 2014 and since then I have had the opportunity to get to know him as a person and as a friend. Rob is a very personal and friendly individual always, who's willing to help a person if needed to understand questions related to Business and Life.

I was in the Insurance Business for 37 years running an Insurance Company dealing in Property, Liability and Auto related to Business Owners Policies

Rob treats everyone with highest respect and encourages other not to give up and to take every opportunity to increase their knowledge, including through Programs offered through the BOP.

It is my sincerest regard for this man and the kindness that he shows others, that drives me to write you. Thank You for your consideration

Sincerely

To Whom it may concern,

I am a federal prisoner in Englewood Prison camp. I am here serving a 10 year sentence for money laundering.

While in prison I have met many types of men and it is very difficult to hide your true character in such a close environment. I had heard a lot of media hype about former governor Ron ^{and} when he was transferred to this camp, I was curious as to what kind of a man he was. I have now spent some extended time in his company. I talk to him often and I eat lunch ^{DINNER} with him at the same table every day. I have seen a lot of good in Rod. He is a person that many people come to with all kinds of questions - people who need answers to problems and he is always willing to take his personal time to help them. He is a supporter of our scripture share in the prison chapel. This is a place where men gather to study the bible and to help others learn by sharing our life experiences. The purpose of this time is to examine what got people in trouble and to teach men how to live a good and honest life when they get out. Rod teaches in there at least once a month and the room is full with men who want to hear what he says. I find Rod to be a kind and caring friend. No matter the reason he always has time to listen and help if he can. Prison can be a depressing place but Rod brings a positive attitude everywhere he goes and that makes prison a little more bearable for the rest of us. He is a good man and a good friend.

April 3, 2016

To: The Honorable Judge Zagel
From: (U.S. Army Special Forces-Retired)

Subject: Letter of Character of Rod Blagojevich

Dear Judge Zagel,

Sir, I first met Rod Blagojevich in mid-November 2014 when he was transferred from Federal Correctional Institution Englewood to Federal Prison Camp-Englewood where I have been incarcerated since September 12, 2011, serving a six year prison sentence. Prior to Rod's arrival, I knew nothing more than he was the former governor of Illinois and had been sentenced to serve fourteen years in federal prison.

Over the period of six months following Rod's arrival at the camp, I only observed his character and actions from a distance. Even though we lived just two rooms apart, our contact was limited to only polite greetings. It has been my policy throughout life, to include 20 year military career in the U.S. Army Special Forces, to observe first and engage only if and when the time dictates.

I must say it has been my pleasure to get to know Rod first from a distance, and from that developing strong respect and admiration for the man I today call a friend. My observations uncovered a quiet man, dedicated to his camp job, first in the kitchen and then as a clerk in the law library. When not at work he could be found running the track, working out in the gym or studying in the library. I have also come to know Rod as a dedicated husband, father and friend, and most importantly, a Christian whose faith strengthens both himself and others daily.

Sir, all-in-all, it is my honor to have met Rod Blagojevich and to call him my friend. I consider him one of the best men I've had the privilege of knowing over my 20 years of active military service, six years civil service as a Contractor and Department of the Army GS-12 and today as my peer.

Very respectfully,

(U.S. Army Special Forces-Retired)

Honorable Judge Zagel,

The following is a testimonial of Rod Blagojevich as I have come to know him in his everyday life at Englewood.

In October of 2014 I heard that Mr. Blagojevich was on his way to Camp Englewood the following month. Never having met the man, I had no idea what to expect. What I discovered was a humble man with a kind heart and a genuine caring for those around him.

He always has a smile and projects a positive attitude which makes him approachable. Many people myself included have sought him out for his opinions or advice on matter ranging from A to Z. Knowing that in the end we'll get a honest and always helpful reply. Or just someone to listen while you vent. He always seems to have time for others.

That being said, I'm positive that those back in Chicago and nation wide that know him through whatever channels they do. Business family, social etc. Feel a significant loss in his absence and would love to see him home sooner rather than later.

Thank you for taking time to read this

Sincerely

Dear Judge Zagel,

My name is [redacted]. I am
a inmate at Englewood, Co. for the last 7 years.
I met Rod about four years ago at the FCI.
Back then he didnt seem to know what was
going on and what to think. I am now
at the Camp with Rod and he is a changed
man. He is caring and will listen to what
is going on in your life and try to help you
if that is what you want. He has strong faith
in the Lord and has a very positive outlook
on life. He runs and stays healthy most
every day. I think Rod is a really good
guy and wish him the best in life.

Sincerely,

Judge Zagel,

March 29,2016

This letter of character reference is in regards to Mr. Blagojevich.

I have known Mr. Blagojevich since I arrived here at F.P.C. Englewood. He is a wonderful & compassionate man who truly does care about others. Mr. Blagojevich attends weekly bible study services along with a number of other inmates here and contributes his participation in some profound topics, also his sincere counseling to some here who are in need of an uplifting word of encouragement. Humility & charisma are his most prominent traits that he exhibits on a daily basis. He is the clerk in the law library and is always willing to assist anyone in navigating the Lexus/Nexus electronic law library system.

On a personal level Mr. Blagojevich is a true friend and a caring individual who has always has time for a friend in need. It is my hope that this brief letter will shed a bit of insight on what a wonderful friend and good man Rod Blagojevich has been to me, and I hope he gets a chance at freedom. Thank you for your time
Your Honor.

Sincerely,

FPC Englewood
9595 West Quincy Avenue
Littleton, Colorado 80123

Federal Prison Camp Englewood
9595 West Quincy Ave.
Littleton, Colorado 80123

March 29, 2016

Dear Honorable Judge Zagel;

My name is _____, I am writing this letter on behalf of Rod Blagojevich. I was born and raised on the Westside of Chicago. I am currently incarcerated at the Federal Prison Camp on the Englewood Compound, located in Littleton, Colorado.

I arrived here shortly after Mr. Blagojevich. Since my arrival, Mr. Blagojevich has been nothing short of kind and helpful to me. Just recently, he sat down all day with me, and helped me fill out my Clemency Application and supporting letters. Mr. Blagojevich works in the library/law library. He is always bringing me positive and productive books or literature that help me stay positive and think about my past mistakes in life. I am sure all of these books will help me reenter society with a different out-look on life, upon my release.

I really appreciate all the things he does for me and others, who are in the same situation as myself. It is not just me he helps, he tries to help anyone on the Compound who needs help. If he is not working with someone in the law library, he is working with them in the gym or on the track. He is just a real giving person, and he never asks anyone, for something in return.

I would just like to say, that I am so happy I had a chance to meet and become friends with Mr. Blagojevich. He has really helped me open my eyes up to things in my life that caused me to come to prison. I really appreciate our talks, they truly have got me on a totally diferent path in life. He listens, and he also, comes up with such positive out-comes, that I never even thought about, when I was a free man. Mr. Blagojevich is an extraordinary man, and I would like to thank the Lord, for putting him in my life.

Sincerely Yours,

To: Judge Zagel

Subject: Rod Blagojevich

Your Honorable Judge Zagel I am writing this letter for Rod Blagojevich I met Rod the very first day he arrived at the FCI in at the prison. we did spend time together because we are both white collar inmates. Rod was very helpful to allot of the inmates he was always willing to give talks during the ace classes we ran. for example we did a class on civics and he was very helpful and more then willing to help us with the class. I am now at the Camp with Rod again ad we both work for Education and we are both working with inmates to help them with there programming to se if we can do as much as we can to help them get out and have a new start in life Just like we want. I just thought you should know your Honor that Rod dose allot for other inmates in the education Department.

Sincerely

3/29/16

Englewood Federal Prison Camp
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123
April 2, 2016

Dear Judge Zagel,

My name is . I am an inmate at the Englewood Federal Prison Camp in Colorado where I have served the last two years with Rod Blagojevich. I've come to know Rod quite well as we have been together during this time in our five man rooms here at the camp.

Your Honor, I have been incarcerated since August 13 of 1990 on a drug offense. I am just days away from completing a 30 year sentence. As far as prison goes, I have seen it all. I began my incarceration at FCI at Terminal Island, CA. Then on to FCI. at Sheridan, OR. Next up was my time at FCI Marianna FL. and then FCI Estill SC. I was then transferred to FCI Safford AZ before going to my first camp at Atwater CA. And then of course, here. During my prison time, I've been incarcerated with all levels of offenders. During these nearly 26 years I've learned an incredible amount of patience. I am thankful that here in the end of my long incarceration I've had the privilege of finishing out my sentence with men like Rod Blagojevich. Rod has been a nice roommate, respectful and easy to get along with. He works at our camp law library and also keeps himself busy running, exercising, and reading. He loves to read and study about history or inspiring stories about great leaders. For being a former governor, he is not a snob and is friendly to everyone he meets here. I respect Rod because he has chosen to live simple and frugal here and avoids being involved in any of the typical "prison hustles" so many inmates often do.

I am often moved by how Rod speaks about his wife and daughters with a genuine affection. It is obvious to any who knows him that he has a deep love for his wife and daughter. His family has been a great source of his strength to endure this difficult time.

Your Honor, I sincerely hope you will take into account my observations of my roommate Rod Blagojevich. I am thankful to have known him and I wish Rod all the best.

Sincerely,

July 3, 2016

Honorable Judge Zagel,

My name is _____ and I am currently incarcerated at the Federal Prison Camp in Englewood Colorado with Rod Blagojevich. I am a 60 year old man and am completely disabled.

I never knew him initially, I'm from the State of Wyoming, but I found out a few days later that he was the former Governor of Illinois. From that day forward I've called him "The Governor". I have always found him to be concerned about my health.

The Governor regularly participates in the Christian group meetings we have here at the camp. He even gave a presentation recently about former President Nixon. The Governor told the story using his sense of humor which is at times self deprecating.

I understand that he is returning to court for resentencing and I wish him the best.

Sincerely,

Federal Prison Camp Englewood
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Littleton, CO 80123

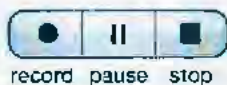
My name is [REDACTED], I'm a 31 year old Iraq war veteran serving a 15 month prison sentence for drug trafficking. I've been incarcerated at FPC Englewood since October of 2014 where I met Mr. Rod Blagojevich. The purpose of this letter is to give the court an idea of Mr. Blagojevich's conduct and character from my personal perspective since I have known him.

Before formally meeting Mr. Blagojevich I would often see him helping other inmates in the library where he works. Although his work detail only required him to be present at the library Mr. Blagojevich would use that time to assist inmates in their GED studies as well as religious studies. I found it very remarkable to see such a high profile individual putting so much time and energy into people he hardly knew. If I ever needed anything in the library, however menial my request, Mr. Blagojevich was always friendly and willing to help. Those interactions eventually led to Mr. Blagojevich suggesting I read some of his books on military history, "Patton" by Carlo D'este and "Robert E Lee" by Michael Korda, which I did. We inevitably had many conversations and discussions about these books where Mr. Blagojevich would highlight every positive and inspirational point of the literature, which is a direct reflection of his character, and encourage me to apply these points to my life. From our talks he has reinforced a positive determination in me to work harder, achieve more and also give back. He gave me the confidence to enroll in college courses, which I am proud to say I'm in the process of doing right now. And above all he gave me sound advice that will last a lifetime.

Looking back I see Mr. Blagojevich had a plan, he used those books to open a door. A door to a different way of thinking, of opportunities and options. A door to change. My letter is just one of many examples where Mr. Blagojevich has used his influence to inspire hope and motivation to achieve positive goals. I don't think Mr. Blagojevich himself realizes how many people he has had an impact on but I can assure you I am not the only person indebted to his selfless deeds and perpetual gratitude.

Sincerely,

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Englewood Federal Prison Camp
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123
April 3, 2016

To the Honorable Judge Zagel,

Judge Zagel, thank you for allowing me to share with you my experiences with Rod Blagojevich who I have known these past two years. I am a Federal inmate serving a sentence for drug charges here at Englewood Camp. When I first met Rod Blagojevich he came up to me and introduced himself. I immediately came to appreciate his kindness and positive attitude. Rod regularly asks me if there is anything I need or if I need help with anything. This is very important to me because of my physical disabilities and issues I have with my mobility.

I would describe Rod as a helpful, caring individual who is easy to get along with. I wish everyone in prison was as pleasant to be around as he is. He seems to understand people at all different levels no matter what a person's crime or background was. Because we both enjoy watching sports and football, I appreciate his good sportsmanship even if his favorite team loses. (By the way, don't tell the fine folks in Chicago that Rod Blagojevich enjoys watching the Dallas Cowboys!) Many inmates get emotionally upset if they team loses, but Rod always believes in hope for the next season. That brings me to another thing I find rare. Unlike many of the men I meet, Rod Blagojevich is not angry about how the Federal Government has treated him. He still speaks about the country being a great nation and he believes the Judicial system our country has will eventually work things out so he can be restored to his family.

Among the many men I have met here, I appreciate men of character like Rod Blagojevich who "keeps it real." No phony bullshit or none of the prison type games many men try to pull on each other. Because I also spend much of my time in the library because I enjoy reading, I often see Rod working in our library because he works the evening shift. He enjoys reading and talking about history and is inspiring to those of us who need hope. In prison, hope is something hard to find.

Your Honor, I know you are a very busy man so I will close for now. Thank you for your time, may God give you wisdom in every court case you deal with. I know it is not an easy job you have.

Sincerely,

November 11-02-2015

Dear Judge Zagel:

My name is [REDACTED] I am 29 years old and an inmate at the Englewood Prison Camp. I have served with Mr. Blagojevich for nearly a year. I didn't know him too well but I can say that he was always friendly and respectful. He keeps himself busy running on the track, exercising, reading and working in the law library and as a tutor. I never saw him be anything but respectful the entire time I served with him.

I wish him well.

Sincerely,

June 20, 2016

Honorable Judge Zagel,

I am currently roommates with Rod Blagojevich at the Federal Prison Camp in Englewood Colorado. He and I were also roommates inside the fence at the Federal Correctional Institution- Low in Englewood. I have had the first hand experience of seeing Rod improve the lives of many incarcerated men, but I have also had Rod's help in coming to terms with the laws I have broken and how to improve myself as I move forward in my life.

Mr. Blagojevich is an incredibly talented and inspirational man with a true moral compass. In the three years I have known him I have seen an evolution and maturity that our Justice System should hope could be accomplished by all incarcerated individuals. Rod is humble, empathetic and takes a personal interest in helping fellow inmates succeed. A specific example of Rod's genuine desire to help people occurred shortly after we met at the FCI-Low in Englewood. Some of the younger inmates, predominately uneducated underprivileged minorities were about to be released. Rod volunteered his own time to conduct mock job interviews with them in the band room. He would follow-up a few days later, after they'd completed the assigned homework, and spend one on one time with them usually walking laps of the track perfecting their interview skills. With these men preparing to re-enter the workplace, Rod wanted nothing more than to help them succeed. I could site many examples like this in the years I have known him. Helping people goes way beyond making a conscious decision to do so, it's in his DNA. He's genetically predisposed to make the world a better place.

His formal mandated prison work has been a combination of adult continuing education, GED tutoring, and currently working in the law library. All his positions have afforded him the opportunity to not only help the other inmates become better people and prepare them for reentry to society, but it has also given Rod a clear picture of when laws have been broken, and when moral ethical and social trust has been breached.

Personally Rod has inspired me to seek opportunities to help people whenever faced with the chance. Rod has many talents and his greatest is the ability to inspire everyone he encounters to be the very best version of them self. His talents are being utilized here, but giving Rod the ability to

reenter the community immediately will do everyone in that community a tremendous service, Keeping Rod incarcerated just keeps him from the next chapter in his life; helping the people of Chicago, Illinois, and the United States. Rod has paid an enormous price over the past 4+ years and so have his wife and two daughters. He's been punished enough, our society has wielded justice, it's time for this to end and Rod return to his family. It's in the best interest of everyone.

Sincerely,

Federal Prison Camp- Englewood
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

9-22-15

Dear Judge Zage

My name is _____, I am 45 yrs old and serving a 120 month sentence for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. I have served 3 1/2 years of my sentence and have known Rod for the past 10 to 12 months since he came to the camp here at Englewood Colorado.

Rod is a very nice guy and has been very helpful to me. He has spent a lot of time listening and giving input to me concerning my reunification with my daughter and new grandson. Because of my criminal history and years of incarceration, I have never really been able to get to know daughter. She has just turned 21 and I have only seen her 4 or 5 times prior to this past year, but things are changing. She now visits me every weekend and Rod has been a big part of helping me adjust and become a part of their lives.

As a Father of two daughters, he has helped me with thoughts and advice on how best to be a Father to her and a grandfather to my 20 month old grandson.

Rod is helpful and nice to anyone and everyone. He keeps himself active and

a very dedicated runner, and is always in the weightroom lifting weights, keeping himself healthy. As one of the elder men in the camp, he is as physically active as any of the younger campers. In fact, I began getting to know him from seeing him in the weight room.

Red is also a very big sports fan as am I. He loves the Cubs, and he makes sure everyone here knows it.

Your Honor, I hope you will take into consideration all the good things he does here in the prison camp. He has been a huge help to me in my efforts to reunite with my family. He always gives me words of encouragement. I am gratefully appreciative.

Sincerely,
/s/

Honorable Judge Zagel

I am writing you this letter to give you my opinion of Rod Blagojevich's character. I must first explain that I was not always a person of high moral fortitude. I am a career offender in both Federal and State of Texas System with over 10 yrs of incarceration. I have struggled hard to better myself and distance myself from the things, actions, thoughts and people that put me here.

So when I tell you that I know criminals and criminal thinking I sincerely and regretably mean it. Rod has both surprised and amazed me with his uncorruptable moral stand. He is one of the only people I have met while locked up that refuses to slide into the ease criminal thinking in here. By which I mean lying, stealing or even a quick hustle he has been helpful and uplifting to the morale without discrimination or prejudice.

So please consider these factors
when deciding his fate. This is
from someone who did belong
here at one time. He does not.

Sincerely

Attn. Judge Zagel

Dear sir, I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Blagojevich. Upon arrival at FPC Englewood Mr. Blagojevich was one of the first to introduce himself. He then made himself available to answer all my questions as well as show me around the Compound. He was very helpful & sincere in his efforts to make sure I was informed & put at ease in my new surroundings. I feel fortunate & very grateful for his time & efforts.

Thank You

3-28-16

Dear Judge Zagel I'm writing
this letter in regards of
my friend the Gov as I
call him you should reconsider
your sentencing because the
Gov is a nice man and
he's only human even we
make mistakes in this case
are what ever it might be
I think he served his
punishment now so it would
be great for the man are
the Gov as alot of us
call him with alot of
respect to return to
home and be with his
wife and kids so being
said I hope me writing
this letter will help my
friend the Gov return home
thank you for your time

July 1, 2016

Honorable Judge Zagel,

My name is . I am 30 years old and an inmate at the Englewood
Prison Camp in Colorado. I come from Texas. I am incarcerated with
Rod Blagojevich. I have known him at this camp for a few months.

A lot of the guys at the camp call him "The Gov". He's a really nice guy, very
easy going, and you'd never know he was a Governor. He helps a lot of people
and is always upbeat and positive. I always see him working out in the weight
room or running on the track.

When I first got here and first met him he was friendly and asked me if I needed
anything. He's asked me about my background and my family and shows a real
interest in the things in my life. I was surprised he even knew the name of
the High School, Permian, in my home town. He's the kind of guy that really
cares about other people.

I know he is going back to court and I hope you could consider the goodness of
this man. I wish him all the luck in the world.

Sincerely,

George T. Brokaw
FCI - Englewood

July 2, 2016

To: Judge Zagel; Re: Rod Blagojevich former Ill. Gov.

I have been incarcerated with Rod for approximately one year, and during that time have grown to know him very well. Believe me judge, you get to know a man quite well when you eat your meals with him (often sharing the salt and pepper), exercise with him, discuss politics and legal issues in the law library, and pass by him 2 or 3 dozen times a day.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Rod's wife and 2 daughters in the visitation room and know him to be a loving family man. He is outgoing, friendly, and caring with a kind word for all and never have I heard him complain or whine about his situation. I consider Rod a friend and would like to keep in touch with him when we are both back in society.

I didn't always feel this way about Rod. He was a DieHard Democrat and I was a staunch Republican. My impression of him, before knowing him personally, was drawn from negative publicity he garnered during his indictment and trial. After knowing Rod personally, I feel the press was totally wrong about the man.

In my opinion, his positive contributions to society and to his country are being wasted by keeping him confined in prison. By the way, the sentences of most all of us serving time for non-violent victimless crimes are way, way, overkill.

Sincerely,

To Whom it May Concern:
Rod Blagojevich is an acquaintance of mine.
I have known him for six months. He
has always been very friendly to me, helpful
and considerate.

Thank you

6-30-16

Honorable Judge Zagel,

I have known Rod Blagojevich for about 6 months as a fellow inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution in Englewood Colorado. Mr Blagojevich has always been a positive influence on me as well as the other inmates in the prison camp. His personality and his optimism encourages us all to be good people. Although I am not completely familiar with the Federal case against him, from what I know about him doing anything against the law would be wildly out of character.

Rod is a committed family man and I know he loves his daughters and wife very much. He is also very religious and spends much of his time reading scripture and studying the Bible. Keeping him in prison is doing nothing more than keeping a good husband and father from his family and others in his life that very much want him home.

Mr. Blagojevich is an asset to our society, has been punished enough and he deserves your leniency and compassion at his sentencing.

P.S. And we
are both HUGE
Cubs fans!

To: Judge Zagel

Rod is a respectfull & caring person. There isn't a time that we pass in the hallway, that he don't ask about my well being.

I think he is a mentor for alot of convicts in here.

I am a drug addict, & He treats me like I'm his equal. Always has time for small talk if I need it.

To sum it up, He is a good man & friend to many.

October 20, 2015

Judge Zagel

Dear Judge Zagel:

Letter of Recommendation

My name is _____, and I'm writing on behalf of my friend and GED Instructor Mr. Rod Blagojevich.

I have been acquainted with Mr. Blagojevich for eleven months; he was my GED Instructor in January 2015, to March 2015, he was very instrumental in me getting my GED. I have successfully completed my GED and continue to have a great relationship with Mr. Blagojevich. It has been a great pleasure knowing Mr. Blagojevich. He is a true believer in our American Justice System and tries to help others as much as he can. He happens to be a very kind caring person that tries to give back and teach others the same morals and values.

Furthermore, I'm also inspired by Mr. Blagojevich time management. He seems to do his time very well by exercising, reading and tutoring GED students, and lastly fellowshiping with other inmates.

In closing, it is with great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for my friend and fellow inmate.

Sincerely,

October 10/08/2015

Attn: Judge Zagel

Dear Judge Zagel:

My name is _____, I'm a 38 year old inmate serving a 8 year sentence here at Englewood Colorado Federal Camp. I met and became acquainted with Mr. Rob Blagojevich the day he arrived at the prison camp, and since then have remained cordial.

My initial impressions of him was formed based on the picture painted by the media, with exaggerated emphasis ranging on his mannerisms to external details ranging from his hair style. An preexisting opinions of him was actually shared by most people at the camp all based on what was seen or heard in the media. These notions all proved to be exaggerated fabrications. I have come to know Rob over the time we have served together based on regular day to day interactions I can safely conclude that he is not the person described in the scandal.

Rob's personal conduct here has been exemplary and absent of any hostile incidents involving others, both inmates and correctional officers included. On any given day you can find Rob jogging on the track, reading political history books in the law library where he works or passionately sharing knowledge with one of the many young men being mentored by him. In spite of his colorful notoriety, Rob has found a way to blend in without exhibiting any signs of entitlement or haughtiness at all, and instead has settled into becoming just another one of the guys in here.

Speaking on a personal level, Rob has shown great character and poise by encouraging myself and others to uphold the law and the system that protects us. That is why even though he did not receive the judgement he anticipated from the courts, he maintains unwavering belief and honor in our judicial system.

Based on all observations of his character it has been a great pleasure to meet and know Mr. Rob Blagovich as is the general concensus here at the camp.

Sincerely yours, _____

My NAME IS . I AM 49 YEARS OLD AND HAVE SERVED 13 OF 22 YEAR SENTENCE FOR SOME BAD MISTAKES I MADE IN THE PAST. I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND ONE DAY WILL RETURN HOME TO HAWAII.

FOR THE PAST YEAR I HAVE SERVED TIME WITH ROD BLAGOSEVICH IN THE CAMP IN ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

HE CAME HERE AFTER COMPLETING HIS TIME AT THE LOW SECURITY PRISON NEXT DOOR.

SINCE HE'S BEEN HERE I'VE SEEN THAT HE'S VERY FRIENDLY WITH EVERYBODY. HE TREATS EVERYONE WITH RESPECT. HE WORKS IN THE LAW LIBRARY AND TEACHES GED AND ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE. HE WORKS OUT RELIGIOUSLY. I SEE THAT HE HAS A VERY POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON PEOPLE. I HAVE VERY MUCH RESPECT FOR ROD, NOT BECAUSE HE WAS A GOVERNOR, BUT FROM DAY ONE WHEN I MET HIM HE GIVES ME RESPECT JUST LIKE I SEE HE GIVES IT TO EVERYBODY. I HOPE YOUR HONOR YOU TAKE MY THOUGHT INTO ACCOUNT.

Respectfully,

October 2, 2015

Dear Judge Zagel,

My name is . I am 36 years old. My place of residents is in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I am incarcerated at Englewood Prison Camp here in Colorado with former Governor Rod Blagojevich.

I have known "The Gov," as many inmates call him, since January 2014. He has always been polite, friendly, and respectful. He seems to get along with everyone. He is a positive influence and is a mentor to some of the other inmates. He has been helpful to me. I find his attitude of dealing with his troubles to be very inspiring to me. If a guy who was once a Governor can handle his fall with the humility he shows, then I know I can deal with my problems too.

The Governor is always active. He runs, works out, reads and always has time to dedicate to helping others. He teaches GED and English as a second language. He is a good man and I hope your Honor can show leniency to him.

Sincerely,

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Judge Zagel.

My name is [REDACTED]

I am currently incarcerated at FPC Englewood where I met Mr Blago Jevich or as I call him "The Gov". Since I met him he has always been very respectful and straight forward with me and everyone else for that matter. One of the things that always stood out about him is that he treats everybody the same. He does not look down on drug offenders like my self the way that other white collar offenders tend to do. Any thing he can help with he is more than willing to do. He is a good man and a good friend.

[REDACTED]

To: Honorable Judge Zagel:

Reference: Rod Blagojevich

Dear Judge Zagel:

I have had the opportunity to spend a great deal of time with Mr. Blagojevich while here in Colorado. It may be out of the ordinary for an inmate writing a reference for another inmate but my experiences in life prior to my problems have been numerous, especially in the world of business. Through the years I met lots of Politicians both Democratic and Republican and heard the word of the day. So I am not naive in the world. I have owned and operated partnerships with 75 different businesses, both public and private. I have been a venture capitol investor who specialized in acquiring failing companies in need of new management or capital. I have been very successful in turnarounds.

With the decades of experience and knowledge of people I observed a man, who like me, has had to make the adjustment from holding a prominent position and being extremely successful to being incarcerated, failing from the grace with humility, good cheer and determined to learn and move on. He's been able to have energy and enthusiasm to help others as well as keeping himself grounded and dealing with reality of what needs to happen to be an asset to society again. I have met his family and spent time with them, they too like myself can see a changed and more humble and honest man. He, I believe, will bring a positive to society determined to try to do good in what is a very difficult experience.

To Whom this may Concern. I am writing this letter on behalf of Rod Blagojevich, AKA "the Gov". I have been doing time with Rod since July of 2014. A year at FCI englewood. I have enjoyed getting to know rod this past year and a half. Rod has an amazing personality that is very likable and true. In my eyes I dont think rod belonged at the FCI or here. He doesnt fit the usual inmate profile. When I first met rod he asked my name and a year and a half later he still remembered it. out of 800 people I thought that was pretty cool. I know good people and trust very few and rod has my trust and friendship. I hope to see Rod out of this place and back where he belongs. I hope whoever reads this letter understands what it means to me, Keaton Bell inmate 12254-046. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Englewood Federal Prison Camp
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Littleton, CO 80123

RE: Public Comments About Rod Blagojevich

To the Honorable Judge Zagel,

Your Honor, if I may, I would like to offer my comments about another Federal inmate I have been working with, Rod Blagojevich. I came to know Mr. Blagojevich while working with him in our Education Department here at Englewood Federal Camp. It has been encouraging, and refreshing for me to work with former Governor Rod Blagojevich. To see a former high ranking leader today willing to serve and help others as Rod Blagojevich does on a daily basis encourages me in the good that a man can accomplish.

Rod and I regularly share with each other quotations of former great leaders. I have learned much from his example in how, no matter where we are, we can serve and help our fellow man. Sadly in the FBOP, there is very little government help or direction in education or rehabilitation. Over 95% of the teaching and education within the FBOP is done by inmate instructors like myself or Rod Blagojevich.

In the classes that Rod Blagojevich has taught here at Englewood, he has shared important instruction on Civics and Leadership. His greatest shining example has been for us to not be bitter towards the government, but in patience, do our part and be outstanding citizens and use this time for self-improvement so we as citizens, can make our community and government better. I join Rod Blagojevich in that effort to serve other inmates and emphasize how we must use this time to grow, to learn, and to practice self-improvement every day of our lives. As Rod says so often, "We must not sit here and waste or squander this opportunity that this adversity offers us." This is a message that all of our fellow inmates here needs to hear.

Your honor, I do not know all of the specifics of Rod Blagojevich's case. I will leave those points up to the lawyers. I do know of Rod here, and I know him to be an honorable man who helps others. I would ask that you do everything in your power to return him to his family and to his community. Please allow this leader and servant of mankind return to his family and permit him to share with others the growth he has experienced during these several years of adversity.

In closing, I humbly ask for your support in criminal justice reform. There are many men in Federal Prison who never victimized anyone. Something has gone awry when for example, a Federal prosecutor can send an eighty year old man to prison when the elderly man never victimized any of our citizens. Your Honor, please support Federal criminal justice reform and help be our voice for justice. Prison should be for those who harmed and victimized others, those who are too dangerous to be in our society.

Thank you for taking the time and allowing me to share my experience with Rod Blagojevich. May his justice come soon, may he be granted to be released and returned to his family.

Sincerely, _____

FCI Englewood ("Camp")
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

Dear Honorable Judge Zagel,

Mr. Rod Blagojevich asked me if I would write a character reference for purposes of your Honor's review.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Blagojevich since November of 2014. My experience knowing him has shown him to be very affable and easy to talk to. I believe him to be a man of good character having integrity in his undertakings with others. Because of his legal background he has given me good direction when I had the need of clarity on certain legal matters.

It is my belief that society would be benefitted by his reintroduction into it. I believe him to be a man of good moral character and sincere desire to be with his wife and children, who have supported him explicitly during his absence.

Sincerely,

Dear Honorable Judge Zagel,

My Name is _____ and I am here at Federal Prison Camp Englewood serving a 60 month sentence for conspiracy to possess with intent to deliver Methamphetamines.

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Rod Blagojevich. I just wanted to say a few things about him. Since the first time I meet Mr. Blagojevich he has been a very kind person with a lot of heart. He has taken the time to get to know me and make me feel very welcome. I have gone to a few classes that he has taught, and he is a very good teacher. He takes the time to get everything together and give very good advice and shares his life experiences to help make our time easier and to show us to just keep pushing for better.

I have only known Mr. Blagojevich for a short 4 months but he is a very good caring person with a lot to offer. I hope he uses this skill to help people when he gets out.

I feel he is a vital mentor and person to the community. Thank you very much for reading my letter and I hope it helps.

Sincerely,

Judge Zagel

My name is

I'm currently

Serving a 204 month sentence for 'Conspiracy to distribute Marijuana' in Federal Prison Camp, Englewood Colorado with Rod Blagodevich. Who around here, we just call him the Gov.

I'm writing this letter as a personal testament to the character of the Gov. The Gov and I have been here at the prison camp for over a year now. During that time I've gotten to know the Gov fairly well, as this is a small camp and we have a lot of interaction with each other over that past year.

All of my experiences with the Gov have been good. He has never once let his celebrity or status go to his head and has never looked down at any of us here at the camp. He always takes time to lend an ear, or give advice, and always has a good story to tell. He has even come to the church to show support for a scripture I gave, which meant a lot to me. Several times we have shared a table at dinner where we sit and talk about sports. The Gov always makes sure to ask how my family is doing.

In conclusion I have found the Gov to be very down to earth, funny and unselfish. I sincerely hope you take his good natured character into consideration. Sincerely,

To Whom It May Concern:

I have shared a room with Mr. Rod Blagojevich since October 2015. During that eight month period I have found Mr. Blagojevich to be friendly, open, and honest, not only with roommates but with everyone incarcerated at Englewood Federal Prison camp. He has been helpful to me by assisting in my transition to prison life and coping with the stresses experienced here.

He is a practicing Christian and lives by the standards associated with such beliefs. He had led the discussion, several times, in a "Scripture Share" meeting that is held every evening.

He is working in the camp's law library and uses his experience, education, and natural ability to help work through legal questions they may have.

Mr. Blagojevich has a positive, upbeat, attitude that is contagious to those around him. He has been a very positive influence to camp members and is well respected. He has been an example, and influence for good, in my own life.

He is an avid reader often reading late into the night. He reads the Holy Bible every day. He also has a passion for reading biographies of individuals that have had a significant impact on the world and our national history.

He is a devoted family man. He communicates often with his wife and children. They are supportive of him and provide a stable, well grounded home environment for him to return to.

Mr. Blagojevich has had no discipline problems since I have known him. To conclude I would say that Mr. Rod Blagojevich is honest, courteous, and considerate; a model that any person would do well to follow. He deserves the utmost in favorable consideration in his upcoming resentencing hearing.

Sincerely

Dear Judge Zagel,

I am writing these letter on behalf of Mr. Rod Blagojevich. I am inmate at Englewood Federal prison camp in Colorado. I meet Rod Blagojevich in November 2014 when he came to this camp.

I always see him in the gym & we always talk about stuff. I also see him in Library & Education's room helping people with there needs with books & Computer. He is always available to help people even ~~he~~ if he is not working. He always have positive attitude & smile on his face, which I ~~very~~ much admire about him. Because of his attitude people feel they can approach him and ask for his help. I have seen him helping people with GED programs also.

Judge,

Please take all these into consideration when you make your decision.

Thank you for your time.

9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

September 17, 2015

RE: Rod Blagojevich

YOUR HONOR:

My name is I graduated from the University of Denver Law School in 1975 and practiced Landlord-Tenant law in Colorado until 1990 when I moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, to start a new career in financial services. I launched

I pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Tax Evasion resulting in my incarceration.

I arrived at the Englewood Prison Camp in January of 2014 where I met Rod Blagojevich later that year when he was transferred here. We were both assigned to the Education Department at the Camp where we worked side by side for many months. We worked each morning M-F from 7-9 a.m. to prepare 18-20 inmate/students for their GED test. At all times, Mr. Blagojevich worked tirelessly to assist each of the students develop their math and reading skills for the test. With a lively wit he employed real-life stories from his time as Governor to keep the students attentive. He genuinely cared for these inmates, it showed, and they were sincerely appreciative. Many of these students were fatherless and had never received a teacher's one-on-one attention, by listening to The Guv they remained motivated and most of them passed all or part of their GED test.

After the GED class each day, Mr. Blagojevich and I tutored two inmates, one from Cuba and one from Iraq, to speak English. Although the initial language barrier was considerable, using language workbooks, we were able to open their world one word at a time until we could converse. Again, Mr. Blagojevich poured all his energy into this project and spent some of his free time learning to speak Spanish himself. His background as a "people person" and politician was invaluable in keeping these inmates practicing their English each day.

As a friend and fellow inmate, I would ask you to consider all the productive services Mr. Blagojevich has to offer the public at large once he is released from prison. He entered prison in March of 2012, so there is no question he has felt the sting of prison life and its loss of dignity. Judges like yourself are increasingly creative in crafting sentences involving Home Confinement and community service whereby Mr. Blagojevich would still be under the supervision of the BOP, but be in a situation that would allow him to use his teaching and people skills while serving as a hands-on husband and father to his family.

Mr. Blagojevich has accepted his prison situation with grace and humility. I would hope you could find a way to allow him to be released so that he can provide for his family and share his generous point of view with others.

Sincerely,

5-2-16

Dear Judge Zagel,

MY [redacted] and I've known the gov. for about 8 months. We are Inmates at Englewood F.P.C. And I can ^{say} that his a very nice person always willing to help someone when needed. And ^{we} always work out ^{at the} same time every day. all ways in good spirits every day he works in the law library and always helps me when ever I need it. He even help me write a letter once.

The gov. is a good man. I hope your Honor can give him a chance to be with his family.

Sincerely [redacted]

May 22, 2016

Dear Honorable Judge Zagel,

My name is _____ and would like to submit this letter as a reference to the former Governor of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich's character in the three years I have know him.

I first met Mr. Blagojevich in 2013 at the Federal Correctional Institution in Littleton, Colorado. He was from the very first minute very outgoing, personable, warm and kind. It was from this first encounter that I decided to enroll in both of the classes that Mr. Blagojevich taught and facilitated while at the F.C.I. Rod Blagojevich taught Civil War History and World War II History. To no surprise, both of these classes were full of inmates with standing room only. The content was without a doubt, precise, enlightening and fascinating. He taught with a passionate fire and a great desire matched by no other. Mr. Blagojevich was patient, understanding and helpful throughout his classes and even extended his knowledge and friendship to everone on the compound to include those times he exercised in the gym to just walking the track and daily conversations.

I have now been transferred to the FPC (Federal Prison Camp) at Englewood where Mr. Blagojevich is. He is still the same friendly, honest and sincere man he has always been. At no time has mr. Blagojevich ever been a threat to or a risk to anyone inside or outside the confines of the prison or society.

If there was ever a person deserving of a sentence reduction and or probation or house arrest, it is undeniably Mr. Blagojevich.

Sincerely,

✓ Federal Prison Camp
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

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| - Unit: ENG-C-A

Dear Judge Zagel,

I am writing this letter to you at the request of Rod Blagojevich whom I have known for just over two years. I met Rod shortly after he arrived at the Englewood Camp in Colorado and I found that he was immediately friendly and went out of his way to help me and others around him in regard to our situation of incarceration. As you can guess there is often a lot of conflict and difficulty for men in our situation and one of the things I have come to admire about Rod the most is his continual optimistic attitude about his situation and about life. I have seen him on different occasions, help other men find hope and reason to believe that they can still go on with their life and make something of themselves.

There is often so much doubt and fear among the men who are in prison, and most truly believe that there is nothing ahead for them except to return to their previous criminal activities. I have been in prison at different locations, for many many years now and one thing that seems to be universal is that, contrary to popular belief, the prison system makes very little attempt to rehabilitate men or to help them see that change is possible. Rod tries to see past mistakes in himself and uses that to help others see where they have erred and could possibly change. It is certain that all of us make mistakes (some greater than others) but that is the human condition. It is also the human condition that when a person is willing to change and makes the effort to do so, to extend mercy to the one who is trying, so that we might contribute to their change. I hope I never again find myself in the position of tearing another person down at the crucial moment they are willing to do better.

I hope that it might be possible, for the sake of Rod and his family, that mercy might be shown him, that he might salvage what is left of the life and family he holds so dear to him. Thank you for listening to this letter, that I wish would have been written by someone on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Honorable Judge Zagel:

3-28-16

My name is

I'm 27 years old and in my short stay in prison with Mr. Blagojevich i've witnessed a caring individual. I've witnessed an individual driven by faith and determination to help others. During the month of March I went to the chapel to hear Mr. Blagojevich speak. It was a very moving speech. He spoke of Franklin Roosevelt and keeping faith. Overcoming fear, and never giving up. That was something that will stick with me for the rest of my life.

Mr. Blagojevich has been a role model for myself and others in prison. He's lead by example and has always held himself to the highest of standards. His spirits always high and he puts others before himself. I hope your Honor you would take into consideration my thoughts. I don't know what kind of man Mr. Blagojevich was prior to prison but the man I know is a good man.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dear Judge Zagel,

My name is . I am 48 years old. I am an inmate at the the Englewood Camp in Colorado. I have been at the camp for 10 months and have served all the 10 months with the Governor. I have followed the rules and regulations here. I have no incident reports.

Before I met the Governor, I never had any wishes or thoughts about education. But as the Governor explained to me, if I used my time in my prison to work to get the education I didn't have earlier in life, I would have more opportunities to climb the ladder when I get out of prison. As a result of my conversations with the Governor, I decided to take GED courses. The Governor was one of my teachers. As of right now, I passed all my GED courses, except math. Which I'm currently working on right now. I am writing this letter to thank the Governor for pushing and encouraging me to better myself by getting an education. I also want to thank him for the time he took to teach me.

I really like the Governor. He is a good man and I hope all goes well for him.

Sincerely,

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Englewood Federal Prison Camp
January 21, 2016

RE: Comments on Rod Blagojovich

To the Honorable Judge Zagel or whom it may concern,

Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts and observations concerning Rod Blagojovich whom I have known these past two years. His character and inspiration has affected me in a positive way, so I was honored when he ask me to put my thoughts down in words.

In this prison environment, there is plenty of negativity and hopelessness among the men here. That is why I've enjoyed coming into the prison camp law library to get my daily dose of encouragement from my friend Rod Blagojovich. As I've had to deal in my mind with the injustice I've experienced, it was my friend Rod who encouraged me to not be bitter. Your Honor, there are many men in Federal prison who are bitter about their imprisonment or long length of sentence. Rod Blagojovich is not one of them. It is refreshing to be around someone of his character who may disagree with his conviction and fights on with the legal battle for justice, all the while, Rod maintains respect for the judicial system and our Federal government leaders.

How is that possible? I believe a part of the strength Rod Blagojovich relies on comes from his spiritual growth. To forgive and not hold resentment is not an easy thing to do. Rod has taught me that it only harms myself to be bitter about my circumstance. He has taught me that the "wheels of justice" do turn, even at times if justice seems slow in coming.

So here is the paradox: although it has inflicted a severe hardship on Rod Blagojovich and his family while he has been in prison; it has benefited other inmates by his spiritual growth and encouragement. Your Honor, I sincerely hope that soon Rod Blagojovich will be exonerated and released from prison. I believe when Rod Blagojovich returns home he will be a tremendous asset to his city and even our great nation.

I would also appreciate your prayers for all of us who are incarcerated with in the Federal prison system. Please pray that we would each choose to follow the example of Rod Blagojovich and wisely use our prison time to develop spiritual disciplines as well as seeking our own personal growth. As Rod Blagojovich has often told me, "This time is not a waste if you use it for your own self-improvement."

Your Honor, thank you for taking the time to permit me to share with you my positive experiences with Rod Blagojovich.

Dear Judge Zogel,

I am writing you with an open heart and mind. Over the last few months that I have spent with Rod Blagojevich he has shown character of a honest, trust worthy man that goes out of his way to help anyone in need.

Confinement seems to bring out a persons true character and if the government and individuals could see and experience what I have Rod would be viewed very favorably.

At what point does a mans character come into affect?

If the Federal Government needed to see a man be humbled, well it has been accomplished. I don't see or here Rod complaining about where he's, but rather how he is eager to continue the rest of his life caring for his family and others.

Rod's Christian fellowship here at the F.P.C has touched his heart and I believe when he gets home it will spill into his family and friends life. Following Jesus is a fantastic pursuit and you will see it in him.

I am proud to call him my friend and pray that maybe one of these letters touches the right heart and sends Rod home to his family.

January 4, 2016

Dear Judge Zagel:

My name is _____ I'm an inmate at the Federal Correctional Camp in Englewood, Colorado. I have been incarcerated with Mr. Blagojevich the entire 10 month period of my sentence.

Mr. Blagojevich is a good man. He is polite and respectful to everyone. He has always treated me with respect. He is well liked by the other inmates.

He spends his time reading, running, and working out at the GYM. He work at the Law Library where he is helpful to other inmates, and unlike many who are here, never charges or accepts anything in return for the help he provides.

He has made my time much easier with the ability to have conversations , whether it be about old times growing up, government, politics, sports, experiences in here, and advice how to handle it.

I wish him well when he gets out.

Sincerely,

November 26, 2015

To Whom IT May Concern:

My name is _____ and I'm an inmate at Federal Prison Camp Englewood. I met Rod in early Feb 2015 and was struck by what a down to earth and easy to talk with person he is. I have had countless talks with him as he is my neighbor.

Rod, is a good family man and a strong Christian. I hope your Honor can send him home to his family.

Honorable Judge Zagel,

It is my honor to write this letter to attest to the character of Rod Blagojevich. This letter is I am sure one of many that you will be receiving in regard to Rod but I hope that you take a moment to read it. When it came to my attention that Rod's attorney would like to hear from some of his fellow inmates about the time they have spent with him, I could not have been more delighted to offer to write this letter on his behalf.

A bit about myself, my name is _____ and I am 37 years old and nearing the end of a ten year sentence for conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance. It is my personal belief that a man's character is never more on display than when he is placed in a position of hardship. Rod has lost much more than many of the men that he is currently serving with, myself included, but you would never guess it from his demeanor. He is consistently upbeat and tries to bring out the best in the people around him at all times. He goes out of his way to answer questions and be helpful not only to the men he tutors and teaches in his education classes but to other as well. It is a rare treat for all of us to be able to ask questions of a man who once held such high office and he handles these situations with aplomb.

Rod does not wear the pain of what he has lost on the outside like many here do. He keeps a brave face on at all times, often hidden behind a smile as if he understands that people look to him for a bit of guidance or direction and he doesn't want to let anyone down. He never tries to lead others so much as others try to follow him. He is a great example of leadership for everyone here. It is my sincere hope that Rod's character is indicative of the character of all of America's political leaders.

Rod is a man who loves his family. He loves sports. He loves good intellectual discussion and the exchange of ideas. He loves to help other people. He loves this country even though it has treated him much more poorly than he deserves. He is, in short, a leader and a good man. I have never met a man more deserving of a second chance than Rod Blagojevich. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Respectfully,

SEPT 16, 2015

I WAS ASKED BY MR. ROD BLAGOJEVICH TO WRITE AN HONEST LETTER ON HOW I FELT ABOUT HIM AS A PERSON AND AS AN INMATE. I HAVE KNOWN MR. BLAGOJEVICH FOR JUST A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, WE MET WHILE WE WERE BOTH IN PRISON AT ENGLEWOOD, CO. WE WERE NOT VERY CLOSE, HE WAS A VERY RESPECTFUL PERSON. HE WOULD SAY HI TO ME IF HE SAW ME IN THE HALLWAYS OR IN THE GYM. HE WOULD ASK ME ABOUT MY FAMILY AND SEE HOW THEY WERE DOING. I MENTIONED TO HIM THAT I HAD A BROTHER THAT WAS DYING OF CANCER AND SAID HE WOULD SAY A PRAYER FOR HIM. THAT MEANT A LOT TO ME. AS AN INMATE, HE WAS THE SAME. HE WAS KIND, POLITE, AND HELPFUL. I HAVE NEVER HEARD OR SEEN MR. BLAGOJEVICH TRY TO USE HIS STATUS TO HIS ADVANTAGE, HE WAS NOT FLASHY, HE WORE CLOTHES THAT HAD HOLES IN THEM. THERE WERE TIMES WHERE HE WOULD GO OUT OF HIS WAY AND HELP OTHER INMATES WITH THEIR JOB ASSIGNMENT. I HAVE SEEN HIM HELP TAKE OUT THE COMMON AREA GARBAGE AND PUT IT IN THE BIG TRASH CAN. IF I DIDN'T WHO HE WAS I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT HE WAS JUST ANOTHER INMATE.

Dear your Honor,

My name is _____ I am an inmate
at the Federal prison camp in Englewood
Colorado, I have know MR Blagojevich since
June 5th 2015. During this time I interact
with him on a daily basis, he is my ESL
Tutor and GED Tutor.

Mr. Blagojevich is a Role Model at this
Camp, He is always very positive. Kind hearted.
and Sincerely care for everyone.

Writing this letter is very hard for me but
I do it, just to ask- you please help him
out, he Really does not deserves this punishment
with his positive energy he would be better
for our society then wasted it in here, please
help him! God Bless You Sir

9/24/15

To whom it may concern

I'm writing this letter on the behalf of Roel Blagojevich

Upon Mr Blagojevich arrival at Englewood Camp. I've met Mr Blagojevich and we had many of conversation, then develop a friendship from these conversation, As well as him giving me some positive advice. I've listen to him speak and I've seen his action line up with his words.

I believe he's a good man with a pure heart who truly try to better the people around him and I believe that this experience will drive him to become even a better citizen as well as a motivational speaker, who could bring a change in society as he did for many of the inmates in here also.

Thank you for giving me the time to speak upon a falling man, who's still trying to better the people around him! May God Bless you!

Dear Judge Pagel,

9/19/15

My name is _____ I am 37 years old I am incarcerated at the Englewood Federal Prison Camp, where I am serving a prison sentence for distribution of meth and a gun charge. Governor Blagojevich is at the same camp with me. I have served time with him at this camp for nearly a year. In this time I have known Governor Blagojevich to be an outgoing man. He is polite and friendly. He treats everyone with respect and he is not a snob. He is very helpful to other inmates. For example, I know he has helped others with issues about their lives and is always available to talk to about problems. He and I have talked about life and the challenges I face. He listened and seemed to really care. The words of encouragement he gave me, helped lift my spirits. I hope you Honor can take into account the good things the Governor has done for other inmates. I know he loves his family and misses them. Please consider these facts as you consider your resentencing.

Sincerely Yours:

September 28, 2015

Federal Correctional Institute
9595 W. Quincy Avenue
Littleton, CO 80123

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known former governor, Mr. Rod Blagovich, for the past 3 years while incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institute in Colorado. During that time, I have had the opportunity to engage in multiple conversations with him regarding prison life and life in general. He has always been positive, supportive, and never hesitates to encourage fellow inmates to do the right thing, once they are released from custody. I truly believe that he will once again be an asset to society upon his release from custody.

Sincerely,

Sept. 19 2015

Dear Judge Zagel:

Coming before you is Mr. Rod Blagojevich. I've known Rod now for several months and have seen a kind man in him. He is generous and helpful to those around him. He is lively and spirited in the things he does. He loves his family, country, sports, and music.

Please accept this letter as a character reference to an honest man I know and trust, Mr. Rod Blagojevich.

Sincerely,

3-31-16

Dear Judge Zagel,

My name is [redacted]
I am from [redacted] Iowa.
I'm in my ninth year of
a 20 yr sentence. I'm writing
in regards to Governor Rod.
I've known him for the past
4 yrs. First at the low
security prison behind the razor
wire fence, and now at the
camp. I remember the day
he showed up with all the
helicopters & news crews.

I really appreciated how
he took the time to listen
to my story of my case.
I really feel that he is
a down to earth guy.

It says alot about a
guy who listens to my troubles
in the midst of all his troubles.
I talked to him about my
mother & our farm in Iowa
and he encouraged me to
stay strong for her sake.

He's been really helpful to
me. When ever I need someone
to talk to, he's always there
full of encouragement.

I think he is a
pretty decent guy. I hope
you would take my thoughts
into account.

Sincerely
[redacted]

03-27-16

DEAR JUDGE ZAGAGEL,

I'M WRITING A LETTER ON BEHALF OF ROD. My name is [REDACTED] BORN AND RAISED IN OMAHA, NE. I'M A INMATE AT THE CAMP ENGLEWOOD, CO. I'VE KNOWN ROD FOR ALMOST 4 YEARS. WE FIRST MEET UPON MY ARRIVAL AT THE LOW FACILITY NEXT DOOR BEHIND THE FENCE. NOW WE ARE AT THE CAMP TOGETHER, WHERE LIFE IS A LITTLE EASIER.

WHEN I FIRST MEET ROD HE SEEMED A LITTLE DISTANT AND ISOLATED, WHICH IS UNDERSTANDABLE CONSIDERING THE SHOCK UPON YOUR ARRIVAL TO PRISON. BUT AFTER A FEW CONVERSATIONS. HE SEEMED LIKE A PRETTY NICE GUY. SINCE GETTING TO KNOW HIM BETTER HERE AT THE CAMP WITH ONLY 180 PEOPLE, I'VE LEARNED THAT HE'S A CARING AND GENUINE GUY. RECENTLY I ATTENDED A PRESENTATION HE GAVE AT THE SCRIPTURE SHARE OR BIBLE STUDY WHICH IS HELD EVERY EVENING IN THE CHAPEL. HE GAVE A TALK ON FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT. HE SHARED A STORY ON HOW A MAN CONQUERED HIS PARALYSIS, OVERCAME HIS FEAR AND THROUGH FAITH WENT ON TO DO GREAT THINGS.

AFTER HEARING IT, I FELT THAT MY LIFE CAN BE BETTER UPON MY RELEASE. TO KEEP EDUCATING MYSELF TO MAKE MYSELF A BETTER FATHER AND MEMBER OF MY COMMUNITY. ROD'S A REALLY NICE GUY, WHO HAS ALWAYS TOOK THE TIME TO LISTEN AND TALK WITH ME.

I REALLY WISH HIM ~~BEST~~ THE BEST.

[REDACTED]

To Your Honor Sir Judge Zagel

My name is [redacted] Im from a little town called [redacted] Wyoming. Im 35 years old and I ended up in The same federal Prison as my friend Mr. Blagojevich. I was put here because of Drugs Im spending 7 years away from my 15 year old daughter. I feel that I was wrong for the way that I was conducting my life before my situation but I am willing to face my situation head on. Before all ~~of~~ of this I was a very hard worker and I was a big part of my ~~community~~ community I worked as a construction worker and in Heating and A/C, I was a mechanic, I helped my father with his small ~~engines~~ engines Business. I've built schools, fire stations, jails, homes and many other buildings. When I got to the place Im at I meet Mr. Blagojevich and he has helped me with staying positive and making light of both of our situations. Hes a great listener and has a bunch of great ideas on how I can live a better life. I think his is a great person and I believe that the public needs a man like Mr. Blagojevich in its hands I believe he could help a lot of people like myself out in life. Mr. Blagojevich in my eyes is a great person and I am glad I can call him my friend.

[redacted]

Dear: Judge Zagel

Nov. 19, 2015

My name is [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] I am an inmate at the Englewood Camp. I have known the governor since March 27, 2015 when I got here. He is a good person. He is caring and understanding. He like to help people. He never causes problems and stays out of the way of people business. I see him in the weight room a lot working out. He is always respectful. He works at the law library. He does his job and helps people who come in and ask for assistance. When a lot of inmates he refuse to take anything for his help. He turns down commissary and has no side hustle going on. He is very different from most of the inmates here and seem like he is a honest man.

I hope your Honor this letter helps out to reconsider his case and get him back to his family. I've been away from my family for many years and I know the feeling of being away.

Sincerely,
[redacted]

To who it may concern,

7-22-15

I'm am writing to talk about MR. Blagojevich. My name is [REDACTED] I am 35 years old and am currently doing time with MR. Blagojevich. I got to FCI Englewood on June 10, 2013. And he was one of the first people I met. What stood out the most to me was his strong character and positive attitude not his celebrity status. He is always willing to help out others despite race or crime, and here it seems both are a big deal. MR Blagojevich never followed that suit and talked to everybody. On Sep. 16th 2013 my mother passed away and he was one of my main supporters in my time of need. Showing much compassion and caring for me. MR Blagojevich stayed busy at the FCI by sharing his knowledge. by teaching many classes and singing on holidays. He made it one of his responsibilities to teach all that he could and I feel it has benefited many people. I am now at FPC with MR Blagojevich and he is still going out of his way to teach and share his wisdom. MR Blagojevich has made a lasting impression on me to be a better person and better father to my kids. At 35 I'm not scared to say he is one of my role models.

[REDACTED]

October 11, 2015

Dear Judge Zagel

My name is [REDACTED]
I am 49 years old, from [REDACTED]
Texas, I have been locked up
for almost 12 yrs now. I have
seen a lot of guys come and
go and some never learn their
lesson cause they don't have it
in their mind and heart. But
I can tell you that the year
I have done with Rod Blagojevich,
the "Gov", he has as big a heart
as any I've seen and a strong
mind with more knowledge and
perseverance as any inmate I've
ever done time with. I truly
believe he has learned from
this experience and when he
gets out of prison he will
succeed at what ever he
puts his mind to.

Thank you for your
time.

[REDACTED]

FEB. 8, 2016

DEAR JUDGE ZAGEL,

ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 I, MR. BALDEGRAMA ARRIVED AND WAS GREETED BY MR. BLAGOJEVICH AT FPC ENGLEWOOD. DURING MY FOUR MONTH STAY AT FPC ENGLEWOOD, MR. BLAGOJEVICH AND I BECAME WELL ACQUAINTED. HE IS A VERY RESPECTFUL, GENEROUS, AND HUMBLE MAN. NEVER TURNING HIS BACK WHEN HE SAW SOMEONE HAVE A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS. HE GAVE ME AND CONTINUES TO GIVE GREAT ADVICE TO NEWCOMERS HERE AT THE CAMP. MAKING US REALIZE THAT THIS ISN'T THE END FOR US. WITH THAT SAID, I TRULY WANT TO THANK HIM FOR KEEPING MY HEAD UP DURING THIS TRIAL IN MY LIFE. ALSO, I'M GLAD

TO HAVE MET THIS GREAT MAN AND
HAPPY TO CALL HIM MY FRIEND!

Honorable Judge Zagel,

I met Rod Blagojevich in late 2012, behind the razor. We are currently at a camp. I have got to tell you, Your Honor, after a few years of a tight friendship, Rod is without a doubt a good man! A God fearing man! A talented singer, an articulate speaker, and a resourceful individual... He taught civil war history, American history & both world war courses... I say a talented singer because he not only sang at our G.E.O. graduation, but taught history and social studies to many of the graduates... Your Honor, I hate to see a good man in the mix with criminals, such as myself... If Mr. Blagojevich comes before your presence for resentencing, I urge you, Your Honor, to find it in your heart to give him leniency... The first few years of his term have been devastating for him! I have witnessed

his visits with his family, year after year to they are heart wrenching! It is clear that he not only loves them, but misses them dearly! I donot want this letter to be drawn-out & complicated, but I will ask you one more time to consider Mr. Blagojevich... I am certain he can better serve society in the real world, not here with law breakers..

Dear Judge Zage!

My name is [redacted] I am from Idaho doing time for a drug charge I have gotten to no the gov here at the Englewood prison in Colorado. I frist ~~met~~ ~~met~~ met him about 2 half year ago at the low security prison next door behind the barbed wire fence.

Know were are together agin at the camp were life is not has hard as befor.

In both places the gov has beed a good guy. He away nice to pepole. I know he help alot of pepole. The classe he taught next door in the low were always ful of inmates. He run alot of laps at the track of the yard. over

He work at the law library
here at the camp were I know
he is willing to help any one who
ask.

I wish him all the best.
And I hope your honor will
take my opinion in your thought

Dear: Judge Zagse

12-1-15

My Name is [REDACTED] I am from [REDACTED] COAKO. I AM INMATE at the Englewood Federal Prison Camp in Colorado. I've BEEN INCARCERATED with Rod Blagojevich for more than a year when he arrived here from the low-security PRISON NEXT DOOR.

During this past year and our incarceration together, I have gotten to know him as a person. All he does here is help other inmates without expecting anything back. All he is focused on right now is his health, which he works on by running and working out every single day. He also works at the law library where he helps other inmates but never charges for his help. In this camp and in the other prisons I spent time in, to not charge for any assistance is RARE among inmates and the culture of prison.

In regards to Mr. Rod Blagojevich from day one he has befriended me. He never asked questions about my crime and never judged me. From the person that I've known, he is a totally different person from what he was portrayed on T.V. So therefore I feel Mr. Blagojevich deserves a chance to start a new life. I wish him well. Hopefully everything works out for him.

Please take into consideration what I have written down is done of my own free will.

Thank You Your Honor.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

June 20, 2016

Dear Honorable Judge,

I am pleased to be called upon to affirm the good character of Mr. Rod Blagojavich.

I first met Mr. Blagojavich here at the Englewood Prison Camp in Littleton, Colorado some 11 months ago in July of 2015.

When I first met his acquaintance I was impressed with his cheerfulness and affability. I have found him to be very willing to assist other inmates with infirmities due to age or physical disability. He is always courteous to a fault. He is well liked among inmates and staff members within the camp.

Many are drawn to his magnetic personality to engage him in conversation.

I believe Mr. Blagojavich to be a man of discrete and honest integrity. He has divulged his great desire to reenter society with an eye to the betterment of his fellow man.

Mr. Blagojavich is also a dedicated family man who renders love and honor to his adoring family.

I am sure he has learned many positive things which he himself can recount, that will assist in his assimilation again into society and society's business.

I firmly believe Mr. Blogojavich will prove to be a great asset to ^{our} social order upon his reintroduction into society and can see little to no purpose to continue his punishment.

Sincerely,

FBI Englewood ("camp")
9595 Quincy Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

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Feb. 21, 2016

To Judge Zagel,

My name is _____ and I am an inmate at the FPC Englewood facility. I have known Gov. Blagojevich for the past six months. He was one of the first inmates I met who kindly assisted me to get acquainted with my new surroundings. Gov. Blagojevich is an intellectual man with a friendly, outgoing, and generous personality that was infectious in positive ways not only to me, but also to other inmates. For a first time white collar crime offender, I found incarceration extremely difficult and humiliating; however, being around inmates such as Gov. Blagojevich presented some rays of sunlight and hope in a normally ominous atmosphere.

Gov. Blagojevich encouraged many of us to utilize our time efficiently to gain as much knowledge as possible from books, magazines, newspapers, and other inmates so that we will be well equipped to integrate back into society effectively. He shared about his experience and offered useful advice whenever I sought him out for some wisdom. Gov. Blagojevich led by example and whatever he preached, he carried out. Not only was he an avid reader and extremely knowledgeable about the Civil War and the U.S. Constitution, he was also dedicated with leading a healthy lifestyle by exercising regularly irregardless of the weather condition. Many of us were very impressed with his 1-2 hours run at least three times a week on top of his strength exercise routine.

I am thankful to Gov. Blagojevich for recommending well known books in the American canon for me to read and afterwards spent time to discuss the contents with me. I am also grateful to him for instilling valuable knowledge and life experience in me that will help me greatly in my future endeavors. Gov. Blagojevich is a beacon of luminosity to me and many of the inmates at this prison camp. He has a very kind heart and has tremendous goodness to contribute to society.

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Gov. Blagojevich deserves a second chance to become a law abiding citizen again. I am humbled and honored to be his friend.

Kindest regards,

Dear Judge Zagel,

My name is [redacted] and I am writing on behalf of Mr. Blagojevich. I meet Mr. Blagojevich when I was transferred from FCI Englewood to FPC Englewood on Dec. 14, 2014. Before Mr. Blagojevich was even transferred to FPC Englewood, I knew he was at FCI Englewood when I was there and only knew of him there. Upon coming to FPC Englewood and moving into Mr. Blagojevich's room I've come to know him. And from what I've seen of Mr. Blagojevich is that he is a nice person, he is willing to give the shirt off of his back to anyone who would ask. While he has his own opinion he doesn't force it upon those around him. He has a passive personality in regards to keeping peace. Mr. Blagojevich and I are both Christians and have had a couple of deep theological discussions in regards to moral integrity, which this country is lacking. I've never seen him push his values on anyone. I also know that he loves his family and wants his children to grow in knowing that if you believe in something it might cost you in the end to stand in what you believe. While I don't know all the details in his case but Mr. Blagojevich as with anyone with a family should be allowed a second chance at life and to be with their family. I don't know if you are a Christian, Judge Zagel, but if you are a Christian I ask that you extend both grace and mercy on Mr. Blagojevich just as Christ did the same for us. I thank you for your

time and may the Lord Jesus Christ bless all that is
in this court room according to His will.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Dear Judge Zagel,

I am writing you on behalf of
Rod Blagojevich.

My name is . My home
is in Montana where I was convicted for
a felon in possession of a firearm. I grew
up ranching & still raise cattle. I have also
worked as a underground miner, logger, diesel
mechanic, and hot shot fire fighting crew. I
also started the Horner & Hero's program
for disabled veterans where we take them
up in the mountains for 4 nights/5 days
horse back/carrying trips using draft horses
for travel. I also served 4 years in the
United States Army. I met the "Gov"
in the FCI in Englewood right after
I got there. He came up to me and
offered to help me with any questions
or difficulties I might have in prison.
Being behind a 12 foot high fence topped
with razor wire was a shock to me
and the "Gov" helped me adjust to my
new surroundings. When I came to
the prison camp here in Englewood the
"Gov" was very helpful getting me
settled in here also. I spent 18 months
in the FCI and have been here at camp for
8 months. The "Gov" has always been
there for me and has always been
very helpful and given me good advice.
He has helped me write legal letters and
has helped me with my legal business.
He is always friendly & helpful to

everyone. He is a honest and upstanding
guy. He can usually be found jogging
the track, in the gym or in the library.
There is an old saying the mountain
men and early trappers used to use.

"He is one to ride the river with"
which means he's got your back and
won't run when the going gets rough...

A true friend! I hope you will take
my opinion into consideration.

Sincerely

To: The Honorable Judge Zagel
And or
To Whom it may Concern

I am writing this letter regarding the Character
of Rod Blagojevich

I have had the Pleasure of knowing
Rod as an Acquaintance for Approximately 1 year.
In that time he has demonstrated in his Personal
Presentation to be kind and Pleasant, as well
as helpful and Cautious. He is Generally
Well liked by his Co-Workers as well as
Staff Members.

Rod is Always Willing to Chip in and help
Without hesitation, to Anyone who can
use his Assistance. I believe him to be
an Honorable trustworthy Person of High Standards!

Rod has Assisted me Personally in his job
As a Law Clerk, in the Law Library.
He has helped me with a Correspondence
letter to a Government official.

Rods Professionalism in doing his job to
the Best of his Ability was Always Present.
No Matter how small the task was.

Rod also did this free of Charge both refusing
Payment & Gratuity for his services rendered.
This is the exception and not the rule in
the incarcerated society!

Rod generally spends most of his time to
himself. Often times he can be found
in the library helping others or reading
scripture from the Bible. Rod likes staying
fit working out in the Gym and jogging
around the track

Rod Speaks Highly of his Wife and Children
Proving to me that he has strong
Christian family Values as well.

In Closing I would like to say that Rod Always has a Smile on. He has been a bright light in a Dark Area. Rod has been the kind of Person you would want as your next door neighbor.

I have never been a big fan of Politics or Politicians. Rod has renewed my belief that "One Should not judge a book by its Cover"! If I were to be looking for an employee to be put in a high position of trust. I would hire Rod without any hesitation what so ever!

I can give Rod my highest possible Compliments Regarding his Character. It's been a real Honor & pleasure to get to know this fine man. This world would be a better place if there were more People like Rod in it!

Respectfully & truthfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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- Unit: ENG-C-A

TO : Honorable Judge Zagel

ISSUE : Character Reference-Rod Blagojevich

DATE : March 13, 2016

Honorable Judge Zagel,

I ask the court to forward the possibility that a convicted felon can give a true account of an observed character greatness within another man; regardless if the individual giving that reference is considered to be without respected character traits them self. This view of a characterless virtue being the average populace opinion.

It occurs to me that when a small population sample believes strongly within an idea, that idea may then be held just as strong across the entire population; not just restrained to the sample set. With that premise, I was imprisoned in Ohio when Rod Blagojevich was investigated for the crime(s) which he is imprisoned for currently.

That prison where I was incarcerated had a very small economy of movement and recreation. It did have access, though, to many common areas for television viewing and group table activities. Each of those areas had its own demographic population and therefore opinions. The area I chose to watch nightly television within (mainly CNN/Fox News) had a demographic highly dense with business and legal professionals from Illinois. Some were prominent within the banking and legal/political arenas. They are the ones who frequently made known their personal views of current events being viewed on those televisions.

When Mr. Blagojevich's story came to be a current event, they were favorable of him as a man because some had known him personally or knew of him through a close connection of some sort. Their opinion was common amongst them: Rod Blagojevich was a family man. He was also a strong supporter of his community and basically what a person would consider a "good citizen".

These individual(s) also knew of the then candidate for Presidency, President Barrack Obama, as he climbed his way to the position where he is currently serving duty. This gave them a good history for retrospect on how Rod Blagojevich could have placed himself in this situation.

Their opinion on Mr. Blagojevich's crime was mixed. They all did believe in a common theme. That if it happened, it did so with some type of "loss of perspective" on Mr. Blagojevich and not something he would have really planned with great thought or from his core value base. They affirmed that he was a man that could be trusted and deserved respect.

I write this background because it has always been my opinion, garnered through life's experiences, that when other people speak highly across the common population, then that individual being spoken of is someone who is worth trying to meet, and if lucky, getting to know. All of the conversations regarding how strong of a man Mr. Blagojevich is made me wonder how he ended-up in his controversial legal battle. Some things just happen because of a one time glitch that couldn't be foreseen or that can be repeated.

Months later I was able to view Mr. Blagojevich's wife being part of a television reality show. Her given interview was very compelling to watch. She stated how she believed that her husband was an incredible father and a community and city leader. Her participation in the show was to aid his legal battle and to sustain the increasing bills that burdened their family that she now had to solely bare.

This support of his wife and family is such a strong character reference of Mr. Blagojevich as a man and a father. It is what most fathers work their entire lives to achieve with their wife and children.

I wondered if I could ever have that level of respect from my wife, so many strangers and community. What a great thing that would be. I knew I was lucky that I do have that support with my wife who has stayed at my side over the last 14 years of my incarceration for my alleged white collar crime. However, I could only wish to also have the support of a total stranger let alone so many from my community and city as does Rod Blagojevich. That would be wonderful.

A few years later, after I worked my way to a lower security level, Mr. Blagojevich was transferred to the same prison camp where I am now incarcerated. I have met him and we had a conversation about what I had experienced of him while in other prisons. The same details I've laid out in this letter to the court.

Although Mr. Blagojevich and I do not share the same social network here, the camp is small. I am introverted by design, but

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- Unit: ENG-C-A

I interact enough with the other inmates to know Rod Blagojevich shares the same positive opinions of him as he did from the other locations I've served. I have witnessed how the officer's of the Bureau of Prisons have taken to his personality and his respect and kindness towards others. His company is sought by many here.

I believe he really tries to be supporting of the people in this community and seems to genuinely worry about their welfare. After a man has gone through so much disarray, hatred and social out-casting and is still able to come out of it with so much positive character traits is amazing; I believe that makes a truly strong character reference for him as a man.

The reason I wrote this letter to the court is to support a man who is, in my opinion a positive influence on those he interacts with. Regardless if he did or did not make a massive error in judgment in the past, his family, community and city would benefit from having access to his company.

Thank you to the court and you, Honorable Judge Zagel, for the time it took to process this paper letter.

TO JUDGE Zagel

I am writing this letter for ROD Blagojevich, to let you know that ROD is a good man, that has helped his fellow inmates to keep a positive attitude help them to understand to stay strong, work hard, don't blame others and stay focused on being mentally and physically stronger day by day. I Dennis O'Shea have been married for 28 yrs have two successful children and receive visits weekly I've seen ROD and his family at visits and see their love and support for him. This letter is just to let you know from a day by day interaction that ROD is going to leave here and be a better person who will work to better his family's life and his. If given another chance I am sure he will not disappoint. His outgoing personality keeps me going and lets me know that as long as we have hope good family and friends we are going to weather the storm show the people

who Believe in us that we were
worth the Fight. Please take this
letter AS the truth From me, I
Hope this letter will help ROD get
BACK to where he WAS AND help
his Family get their lives BACK
to where it WAS. THANKS For listening
every man deserves to Be here AND
let people know we look to our Futures
AND hope AND push to have Are
Freedom BACK. THANKS For reading this
ROD has helped me understand that
No matter who we were At one
time in our lives A smile, Joke
AND A good talk Keeps us pushing
Forward.

THANKS

Dear Judge Zagel,

My Name is
I am from , Tx , I have a wife
and 4 children and 2 grandkids.
I am now incarcerated at the Prison
Camp in Englewood, Colorado. I have
been at this Camp since February 2014.
I am currently serving a 10 year sentence
for conspiracy to possess with intent to
distribute methamphetamine. I take responsibility
for my crime and have been working to
make myself a better man.

I have known Rod Blagojevich for almost
one year. He is at the same camp as me.
The "Gox" That is what a lot of us call
him. He is a good person and gets along
with people, He's friendly and is not a
snob.

He keeps himself busy running on the
track working out in the weight room,
reading books including the bible,
He sometimes speaks Spanish to me and
others and is always asking us how to
say certain words in Spanish.
He works at the law library and teaches
classes. He helps anyone who ask.

The "Gov" is an all around Great Guy.

I hope your Honor can take my opinion into consideration when you decide to resentence him.

Sincerely,
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HONORABLE JUEZ ZAGEL:

ME LLAMO

ACTUALMENTE ESTOY EN EL CAMPO DE ENGLEWOOD EN EL ESTADO DE COLORADO, AQUI ESTOY CON EL EX GOBERNADOR ROD BLAGOJEVICH. ROD ES UN AMIGO DESDE QUE CAYO ENSEGUIDA A LA LWA. ES SEÑOR Y YO CONVERSAMOS A DIARIO, EL ME ENSEÑA EL INGLÉS Y YO LE ENSEÑO ESPAÑOL. TAMBIEN QUIERO DECIRLE QUE SE LA LLEVA BIEN CON TODOS LOS PRESOS. TODOS LO RESPETAN Y SON AMABLES CON EL, PORQUE EL TRATA A TODOS CON RESPETO Y DIGNIDAD. LO HE VISTO DAR CLASES DE HISTORIA, AYUDAR A LOS PRESOS QUE QUIEREN SACAR EL G.E.D. Y TAMBIEN CANTAR EN LAS GRADUACIONES Y LOS DIAS FESTIVOS. A PESAR DE ESTAR PRESO EL HOMBRE SE SABE COMPORTAR. AQUI EN EL CAMPO TRABAJA CON LOS PRESOS QUE NECESITAN ASISTENCIA CON LOS DERECHOS DE LEYES

SEÑOR JUEZ TENGO ENTENDIDO QUE
ES POSIBLE QUE ROD BLAHOJEVICH RECIERSE
EN FRENTE DE USTED PARA QUE LO VUELVAN
A RESENTENCIAR, SI DE DADO CASO ES
OCURRE, LE SUPLILO QUE LE TENGA PIEDAD!
EL MERECE ESTAR EN CASA CON SU ADORABLE
FAMILIA. Yo ESTOY SEGURO QUE EL VA A
PODER SER VIR MAS ADECUADAMENTE A LOS
CIUDADANOS DE ILLINOIS, QUE A UNOS CRIMINALES.
DEJE QUE ESTO YA TERMINE!
P.S Yo CONOSCO AL SR. BLAHOJEVICH POR MAS DE
3 AÑOS GRACIAS POR SU ATENCION

Englewood FPC
9595 W. Quincy Ave.
Littleton, C.O. 80123

To the Honorable Judge Zagel,

Your honor, I am writing this letter today in testimony to the upright character of the defendant, Mr. Rodney Blagojevich. I have known Mr. Blagojevich for about two years now. In the time I have been acquainted with Mr. Blagojevich I have come to know him as a compassionate and reliable man. Countless times I have seen him sacrifice his time and energy to assist fellow inmates who are struggling through the murky waters of incarceration. Whether helping an illiterate adult write letters to his family, assisting the indigent in securing hygiene materials, or simply counseling those who need a shoulder to cry on, Rod Blagojevich has shown himself to be one of the most caring people I have met behind bars.

Through our many discussions about his six years of service to the state of Illinois and his years of service as a prosecutor I have come to understand that Mr. Blagojevich is indeed a patriot and a defender of the constitution of the United States of America. He is very proud of his contributions to the justice system. However, the pride he expresses in his accomplishments in government pales in comparison to the pride he exhibits in regards to his family. I have learned a great deal about fatherhood and the responsibilities of being a good husband through my discussions with Mr. Blagojevich. I have also learned much about the subject of civic responsibility, a concept

I never gave much thought to but now hold in great esteem thanks to my friend Rod. We speak often about our obligations to society and our duty as citizens. I can honestly say I have become a better person today due in large part to what I have learned from Mr. Blagojevich.

In conclusion I would like to state that Mr. Blagojevich has been a great friend to me. I value his intelligent conversation and his quick wit. I believe to keep him confined here is to do a terrible disservice to not only his family but also to society as a whole. Thank you, your Honor for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely
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JULY 4, 2016

TO: JUDGE ZAGEL

RE: RON BLAGOYEVICH

YOUR HONOR JUDGE ZAGEL,

TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST AND QUITE BLUNT, WHEN I FOLLOWED MR. BLAGOYEVICH'S CASE IN THE NEWS, MY THOUGHTS WERE OF A FULL MOUTHED LIBERAL DEMOCRAT WHO FINALLY GOT WHAT HE DESERVED, A LONG FEDERAL SENTENCE. AND PRIOR TO COMING TO PRISON, I THOUGHT LIKE MOST PEOPLE. "LOCK 'EM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY."

I DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF PRISON ON, NOT ONLY THE INMATE, BUT ALSO THEIR FAMILIES. SOME OF THOSE EFFECTS ARE A LIFE SENTENCE TO THE INMATE AND THEIR FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF THE SENTENCE OR LENGTH OF TIME THEY SERVED IN PRISON.

FOR THE LAST, ROUGHLY 18-20 MONTHS, I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GETTING TO KNOW RON BLAGOYEVICH. I CAN HONESTLY SAY IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE.

I HAVE WATCHED HOW HE INTERACTS AND TREATS OTHER INMATES. ALWAYS THERE TO ENCOURAGE, LIFT THEIR SPIRITS.

I'VE HEARD HIM ON THE PHONE WITH HIS DAUGHTERS AND SEEN HIM IN VISITS WITH THEM.

MR. BLAGOJEVICH HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN OUR INMATE RUN 'SCRIPTURE SHARE' WHERE ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOMED AND PARTICIPATE. ROD PROVIDES ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS IN HIS PARTICIPATION AND EVEN IN THE CLASSES OR LESSONS HE'S PRESENTED.

PRIOR TO BEING INCARCERATED I DID NOT KNOW HIM OTHER THAN THE NEWS AND MY BIASED OPINION. HOWEVER AFTER GETTING TO KNOW HIM I BELIEVE IT IS A TRAGEDY AND INJUSTICE TO FURTHER KEEP HIM INCARCERATED. WHATEVER DEBT HE OWED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PAID - IN FULL.

I BELIEVE MR. ROD BLAGOJEVICH SHOULD BE RESTORED TO HIS FAMILY. I BELIEVE HE HAS LEARNED A LOT IN PRISON AND CAN BE A PERSON WHO WILL BE A GREAT BENEFIT TO SOCIETY. A GREAT BENEFIT TO HIS FAMILY AND DAUGHTERS.

MY BIGGEST ENCOURAGEMENT WOULD BE, THAT AFTER GETTING TO KNOW WHO ROD BLAGOJEVICH IS TODAY, THIS STRONG CONSERVATIVE WOULD VOTE FOR HIM - I BELIEVE HE IS A GOOD MAN, NOW, REGARDLESS OF HIS PAST.

SINCERELY,

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P.O. Box 3949
Pensacola, FL 32516

October 6, 2015

Honorable James B. Zagel
District Judge
2588 Dirksen Building
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Honorable Judge Zagel:

I feel it an honor to write this letter of reference for my former cellmate Rod Blagojevich. I met him the day he came to Englewood FCI on March 15, 2012. Shortly there after we became friends.

I don't believe there is a man alive that I respect and appreciate more than Rod. We spent two years together. I feel like I know him as well as my brother. I consider him a brother and my dear friend for life.

On May 7th 2012, I found out that one of my beloved sons, had attempted suicide by hanging himself. He survived. It was the day he received his denial letters from Harvard and Yale, the places he had hoped he would attend college. As you can imagine, it was devastating to me. I've been in prison for nine years and nothing has hit me harder than that did. Rod was right there for me the whole time. He comforted me and gave me encouragement. He wrote numerous letters to to give him encouragement and hope. I believe those letters were most impactful in helping him get his life back on track. is doing fine now. Those letters are priceless to him.

Rod has also written numerous letters to my adopted eleven year old

My wife and I are eternally grateful to Rod for his love and support for our family.

As his cellmate, I also witnessed the numerous kind acts that Rod did for other inmates similar to myself. Countless letters he wrote to other inmate's family members and loved ones, especially those who were suffering. Our cell was constantly filled with inmates coming in to receive advice and encouragement from Rod. He is the most selfless person I have known in prison. He always cared for the down-trodden. When someone was discouraged or heard bad news from home, Rod was right there to lift them up.

Rod was a very influential teacher in the education department to hundreds of inmates. His lectures felt like listening to my favorite college professor. He also spent countless hours teaching classes and doing one-on-one interviews with inmates to help them with job reentry. He did mock interviews with them. He would critique them and would always stress the importance of being totally honest in interviews with future employers. I believe the help he gave these men will provide them huge success rates in getting jobs. These are men that have never had a job before in their lives. After spending hours with Rod, they had a confidence about them that I know will benefit them in attaining good employment after incarceration.

Rod is the most honest man I have known. He is full of wisdom and unconditional love for everyone. He treated all inmates equally. He was a true light and beacon among the inmates while I was with him for two and a half years.

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I feel it an honor and pleasure to be considered his friend. It saddens me to see him incarcerated. He is too good a man and has so much to offer the world.

Please your Honor, I plead on his behalf to please let him go home to his wife and children. They need him and I believe his community needs him. He has already served three and a half years. He has paid the ultimate price and has suffered so much along with his family.

Thank you for considering my letter. I pray it will be most beneficial to Rod and his family.

Sincerely.

June 30, 2016

Honorable Judge James B. Zagel
Unites States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Rod Blagojevich

Dear Judge Zagel:

My name is Angelo "Skip" Saviano, the Mayor of the Village of Elmwood Park. As you might know, I am also a retired State Representative having served in the Illinois legislature for approximately 20 years. I am writing in support of Rod Blagojevich who I have known for many years. In fact, we served together in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1993 until 1996 when Mr. Blagojevich surrendered his state seat and was elected to Congress to represent Illinois' 5th Congressional District. I remained in the State legislature until 2013 – so I worked with Mr. Blagojevich while he was Governor as well. Throughout all of this time, Mr. Blagojevich and I shared many experiences – both professional as well as personal. Not only did we work together on many issues to protect the residents of the State of Illinois, but our friendship deepened as well.


While I am aware of Mr. Blagojevich's criminal case, I know Rod to be a good person. I know Rod as someone who loves his family, cares deeply about his friends, and as someone who devoted his life to public service. I know him to be a talented, courageous lawyer who chose to dedicate his life to both his family and to the people of the State of Illinois – with a particular passion for those less fortunate. And while Rod and I might not have always agreed on every issue, I believe we shared the fundamental values and core principles that led us both to a life of public service.

I am writing to you because I believe Mr. Blagojevich should receive a lenient sentence. Above all else, I know Rod to be a person who always put his family first – someone who always worked hard for his family and remained extremely involved in their lives despite his professional obligations and challenges. I remember thinking that even though Rod was the Governor, he remained a parent first. And I know he believed parents should take responsibility for raising their children. I am sure that his absence has had a significant impact on the lives of his wife and children.

I know firsthand how passionate he was about matters involving kids – whether it was protecting them from violent video games or providing healthcare to children in need. He worked relentlessly on these issues. And like I said, we did not always agree on how to approach specific issues – but nobody can question his passion for children, his love for his family and his sincere desire to help people.

I think it is time for Rod Blagojevich and his family to move forward with their lives. I have known them for many years and believe it is important for Rod to be home with his family. Above all else, I have known Rod to be a good person and a hard-working family man who cherishes his family. I believe an extended prison term will serve as a tremendous hardship on his wife and family.

Sincerely,



Angelo "Skip" Saviano

September 10, 2015

Greetings,

I am writing this letter to attest that Mr. Rod Blagojevich has stood as a mentor and model inmate during my time of incarceration. I remember before I met Rod, I was struggling with being open-minded and having a positive attitude and often found myself being placed in solitary confinement. He would often teach me ways to deal with "adversity". His statements would be, "Walter, you have to face challenges in a more positive manner... Anger is only going to get you sent to the SHU (special housing unit). His ability to help others showed in his behavior and courteous "Respect for the Law!"

When Rod, first arrived on the compound he quickly obtained a job teaching; however, like every other inmate he paid his dues in the cafeteria. He never complained and he never was late for work. Never the less, he never stole a thing from the cafeteria. He worked as a clerk in the storage room where 85% of things would end up being stolen. For example, bags of cooked meat, onions and Kool Aid packets could have made him very popular. One could sell these items for a month's worth of commissary. He never stole anything and would not even take a piece of fruit from the cafeteria.

He obtained his respect from how he treated others and stood as an example of humility and good character. He was dedicated to treating everyone fairly, that he simply stopped a race riot by choosing to sit at the table dividing the racial barriers of "chow time". (Eating in one assigned areas based off of race is normal in the prison system.) Mr. Blagojevich, stood for peace and true rehabilitation.

I had a chance to live in the same living quarters with Rod, when he first came to prison. I observed him mediate peace talks amongst inmates having trouble. Some of these individuals had served over 7 years in prison. One time a fight was about to "break out" (about to occur) in the dorm, and the Lieutenant on duty asked Rod to come to the office and mediate the peace. He did so and the night went without any altercation.

I am so grateful to have been able to just finish my time and come home to my family. If it had not been for his constant guidance and support, I would have lost my good time and my early release. For someone who taught school in prison, I take his personal dedication towards making me see the reality of freedom to heart because he made a difference in my life. I believe that he stands as a person who still has a lot of good and kindness in his heart. He cares about others selflessly that he would often times feed the less fortunate, dedicate his time to "give back" by teaching the less educated, and devote each day to something positive. He is a dear friend and I am forever grateful for his guidance. I remain

With kind regards,

Law Offices
BOB BARR
Attorney at Law

Bob Barr*
*Admitted Georgia and Florida
*U.S. House of Representatives, 1995- 2003

Brannon Burroughs, *Of Counsel*

July 6, 2016

Judge James B. Zagel
United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

IN RE: Rod Blagojevich

Your Honor:

I write this letter in behalf of Rod Blagojevich, who I have known since January 1997 when he was sworn in as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. I had been elected to the Congress from the then-7th District of Georgia two years prior. While Rod and I were and remain in different political parties (he is a Democrat and I am a Republican), for the four years following his election, we had the opportunity to work together on a number of matters by virtue of our joint service on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. It was in this capacity that I became well-acquainted with Rod personally and professionally, and which offers the primary basis for this letter in his behalf.

Despite our obvious political differences, Rod and I joined forces on a number of issues within the jurisdiction of the Reform and Oversight Committee. Importantly, your Honor, we also became personal friends. I was attracted to Rod for a number of reasons which may be relevant for your Honor's consideration.

Most importantly was my observation that Rod was a man who cared deeply about people, as individuals. Even on matters involving federal drug policies (for which the Committee exercised oversight), I observed consistently that Rod's decisions as a Congressman were based on genuine concern for the well-being of his constituents and other individuals who, though not from his District, were likewise impacted by his actions and his votes. I had the opportunity to observe this concern in Committee hearings and mark-up sessions, in personal conversations, and during a CODEL (congressional delegation) in which both of us participated to Panama, Colombia and

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other Andean countries to view first-hand the anti-drug efforts in that region in which our government was involved.

Importantly also, I discovered quickly that Rod possessed a genuine sense of humor; demonstrating to me his willingness to keep himself and his work in proper perspective and to learn from experience and his own mistakes (which he would readily admit).

Your Honor, I respectfully submit that these observations from my personal and professional association with Rod Blagojevich during our tenure together in the U.S. House of Representatives are relevant to a consideration of leniency. I would be happy to answer any questions or provide any additional information if deemed by your Honor to be appropriate or helpful.

With kind regards, I am,

very truly yours,



BOB BARR

Member of Congress, 1995-2003

Dawn M. Johnson

June 10, 2016

Honorable Judge James B. Zagel
United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Judge Zagel:

My name is Dawn M. Johnson and I am writing on behalf of the former governor Rod Blagojevich and his upcoming resentencing. I am an African American female educator in the Evanston Skokie School District and the owner of a small company, Twilight Press. I am also a Walden University doctoral student in Public Administration and Leadership.

I have never met Mr. Blagojevich in person but I have lived under his leadership. I have always admired his love for his wife and children and his devotion and faithfulness to the family. In these circumstances, the family is affected the most. As a person whose dad was not there during the time when I needed him, I can still feel the level of impact growing up without the presence of my father in the home. Foremost, for the sake of the children, I am requesting leniency.

Please allow Mr. Blagojevich another chance to live up to his God-given potential and to become the person he should be especially in being there in the home as the father to his two children and the husband of his wife, Patti.

I want to thank you for taking the time to give my letter some consideration. May God bless and direct you as you give consideration to my request for leniency.

Very truly yours,



Dawn M. Johnson, B.A., M.S., Doctoral Student

Dear Honorable Judge James B. Zagel,

I am writing on behalf of
former Governor Rod Blagojevich.

I am asking for your mercy
to consider Mr. Blagojevich's
sentence to be paid in full
and allow him to return to
his wife and children.

Mercy please.

Alleborah L. Henzler

That's a boat
we'll be traveling on
for a long, long time.

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June 28, 2016

Honorable Judge James B. Zagel
United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Judge Zagel:

It is my understanding that a resentencing hearing will be held in your Courtroom on August 9, 2016, for former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich. I am writing to respectfully request your consideration of a reduced sentence to the time he has already served.

During his tenure in office, Governor Blagojevich was a great friend to working men and women throughout the State. He promoted the passage of laws and enactment of regulations that protected employees in the workplace and raised their standard of living. I know of his efforts in this regard, because as a labor union official in Illinois during Governor Blagojevich's tenure, I worked with him on these issues.

I hope that you will take his many positive attributes and accomplishments into account as you make your decision. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Smith
President & CEO

June 19, 2016

Honorable Judge James B. Zagel
United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Judge Zagel:

I am a friend of Rod and Patti Blagojevich. Patti and I were college roommates at the University of Illinois, and have remained close friends ever since. I have known Rod since the onset of their courtship. Now married for over two decades, Patti and Rod have experienced joyous occasions and weathered incredible challenges. Through it all, Rod has remained a loving and devoted husband and father.

I am writing today to ask for leniency for Rod at his resentencing. Rod has been incarcerated for over four years, and has missed the day-to-day joys of spending time with his wife and watching his daughters grow up, in addition to being away for countless special occasions. While incarcerated, Rod has been a model community member and has enriched the lives of other inmates by teaching courses on the Civil War.

Please give Rod the opportunity to return home to his family as soon as possible so that, in addition to being a loving and intellectual presence, he can be a physical presence in the lives of his wife and daughters. Being home would also give Rod an opportunity to contribute to his community in a positive way.

In addition to being a loving husband and father, Rod has always been a kind and dedicated friend. I reaching out on his behalf as a friend, and I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth McCollum", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Elizabeth McCollum

May 23, 2016

Honorable Judge James B. Zagel
United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Judge Zagel:

I went to the same high school as Rod Blagojevich. It was Foreman High School, class of 1975. We were so honored to have one of our alumni become the Governor of the State of Illinois and we knew that one of our own would get things done in our state, especially for the children and the elderly.

Rod was always the one to get things done, get things organized. I ran into him in Springfield during the opening of the Lincoln Memorial Museum. I spoke of fears of abuse in the public aid healthcare. At the time I worked for a doctor's office in that serviced public aid recipients.

Many of the patients had no identification. 95% of the patients had no citizen identity. This employer would often ask employee's to hold their checks for two weeks so his money would clear. Many of the patients would use the same public aid cards and the same names. The doctors in the office would see an average of 90-125 patients per day. I must say, it was the hardest job I had ever encountered in my 48 years of working. It was awful!

I told Rod Blagojevich about this abuse and Rod asked me to call his office on the following Monday. I was afraid to do this because I worked at this medical facility. I had children of my own at home to shelter and feed. Rod Blagojevich had started an investigation. People who were abusing and wronging this state must have found out. It is my true belief that they framed Rod Blagojevich who was trying to frame them.

Rod Blagojevich risked it all when he started his investigations. Unfortunately, his arrogance at the time and attitude all turned on him. He trusted the ones who he thought would stop the illegal activities within the State of Illinois. And now he is sitting in jail for a crime he didn't even commit.

I do not know one person who hasn't incriminated themselves on a telephone, even if they only spoke in jest. He didn't do what he said he wanted to do. This man grew up in a poor to middle class neighborhood. He worked hard to get into office. He lived in a Chicago Brick bungalow because he didn't need to live in a fancy Governor's mansion. He didn't want to be under the control of corruption in this state. He loves his wife Patti and his children dearly. He is suffering being away from them, and they are suffering being away from him. He is a very thoughtful and compassionate man. He would give the shirt off his back to a desperate person in need without hesitation. He is very much missed by his friends and family. We are praying daily for justice as served so that he may go on with his life, and be with his family and friends once again.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I remain,

Best regards,



Jo Ann Gabriele
Customer Service Representative
JG/jg

June 7, 2016

Honorable Judge James B. Zagel
United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Judge Zagel:

I am writing on behalf of former governor Rod Blagojevich. I understand he will be re-sentenced on August 9, 2016. I am respectfully requesting that you greatly reduce Mr. Blagojevich's sentence.

I did not vote for him but did follow the events that were occurring at the time of his arrest and court appearances and trial. While he may have used poor judgment in some of his conversations and actions, I do not think he meant anyone harm nor was it his intention to degrade the government in any way.

I just heard on Chicago news last night that a man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for a murder charge. In comparison Mr. Blagojevich did not do bodily harm to anyone and I don't believe anyone truly suffered because of his actions. I do not condone wrongdoing but bearing in mind that there are others who hold public office who have not performed 100% within the laws or code of conduct at all times, I feel it unfair for him to spend his entire sentenced time in prison. From what is reported, it seems that Mr. Blagojevich has been a model prisoner and is helpful and encouraging to other inmates and respects employees of the prison.

The following two quotes from President Obama regarding sentences he has commuted reflect the value of second chances which I believe Mr. Blagojevich deserves. He was a compassionate governor and I think had the peoples' best interests at heart:

"The power to grant pardons and commutations... embodies the basic belief in our democracy that people deserve a second chance after having made a mistake in their lives that led to a conviction under our laws."

I believe America is a nation of second chances, and with hard work, responsibility, and better choices, people can change their lives and contribute to our society."

And Judge Zagel, there is certainly the family matters of the heart that I hope will be considered. There is a loving wife and two sweet daughters that need their husband/father back in their lives. I know many would say "he should have thought of that before" and rightfully so but many of us get caught up in the hub bub of the working world and don't think ahead to our consequences. I am sure that given a second chance Mr. Blagojevich would be a near model citizen and a help to others..

This letter comes straight from my heart your Honor. I know we have to be responsible for our actions. I hope that the "make an example" of him that was prevalent from some people will have no bearing on your decision. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration. God bless you.

Sincerely,



Peggy Paulino
PP/JH

Rhonda M. Reid

June 12, 2016

Honorable Judge James B. Zagel
United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
219 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Judge Zagel,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of defendant Rod Blagojevich, former governor of Illinois. I wish to express my deepest concern on his conviction back in 2011. I am a strong supporter of Rod Blagojevich. I have always consider Rod as being such a good person as well as faithful, devoted man. I feel somehow injustice has been done and that the sentencing of him was rather harsh and too long. Being a Christian person, I understand that we are all sinners yet there was much injustice done in this system. I believe that a person such as Rod is such a good person at heart and did not deserve to have this harsh sentence done. I question, there are more evil and criminal wrongdoing in this system, yet there has been so much leniency done to those who committed much worse crime such as murder and rape; yet Rod did none of that. I am very proud to admit that I have shown continuous moral support to his loving and devoted wife Patti and their two daughters. My heart really goes out to his family who has also suffered. Please understand how his own wife, daughters, relatives, and supporters are also in our own prison as well as Rod is. This is especially when a person really cares for that other person, he/she suffers along with that person.

I feel that his re-sentencing should be taken upon consideration and that his time in jail should be reduced excessively. I really felt he has served his time and deserves to be back home to his family and to friends and others who have loyally supported him. I do pray that you and God will have mercy on him and really consider about his sentencing. I along with others have been continuously reaching out to Patti showing support and feeling that injustice has really been done. Overall, Rod has been very strong, courageous, and faithful throughout this entire ordeal and being incarcerated. I am very moved and fascinated on the numerous amount of support from people outside who have expressed such feelings on how this was wrong on how Rod was mistreated. Prayers and support are still pouring in on behalf of Rod Blagojevich. Therefore, I am requesting, won't you please take consideration and have mercy? Please accept my letter of support and petition on his upcoming re-sentencing 09 August 2016 upon consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Rhonda M. Reid

Jan Schakowsky
9th District
Illinois



Member of Congress
Washington, D.C.
202-225-2111

July 8, 2016

Mr. Len Goodman
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Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Goodman,

I am writing to you in reference to your client and my friend, Rod Blagojevich. I served with Rod in the Illinois General Assembly from 1992 - 1996. We became friends, working together on issues that helped Chicago's working families, senior citizens, and children. We spent many hours together on the House floor, chatting about politics, families, and fun. I found Rod to be a good man whose heart was in the right place -- and despite his obvious mistakes -- I still do.

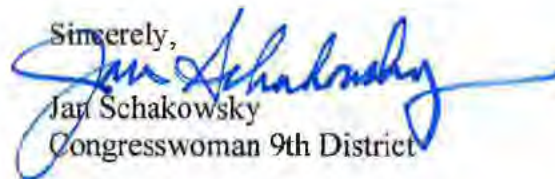
I supported Rod when he ran for Congress in 1996 and joined him there when I was elected in 1998. Rod was a leader in the fight against gun violence. In both 2002 and 2006, I very publicly campaigned for Rod in both his elections for Governor.

When most people remember Governor Rod Blagojevich, they probably think about the events surrounding his arrest and trial. But I think about the many progressive policies he implemented including death penalty reform (with Illinois Senator Barack Obama), Kid Care (health care for ALL Illinois children), LGBT rights, increased education funding, women's access to birth control, and, yes, ethics reform.

Rod spoke with pride and affection about his wife and girls, who were born and growing during his public service. I know all four of the Blagojevich's are suffering and struggling through the more than four years of Rod's incarceration, missing being together for graduations, birthdays and anniversaries. Four years is a long time in the life of a child, a long time to be away from a father she loves. Because he has been in Colorado, visiting opportunities have been limited.

Rod, a person with a naturally positive demeanor, has been a model prisoner, teaching and helping and probably entertaining the other inmates.

I take very seriously the role of public servant and elected official, and it's true that Rod did not always measure up, but he also did much good for many people in our state. Rod Blagojevich made serious mistakes and he and his family have already paid a heavy price for them. It is my great hope that the court takes this into consideration and allows Rod Blagojevich to be reunited with his family at the earliest time possible.

Sincerely,

Jan Schakowsky
Congresswoman 9th District