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LESLIE G. WHITMAN
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Hon. Joseph M. Hood
Senior Judge
P.O. Box 2227
Lexington, KY 40588-2227

RE: Walter Hardin

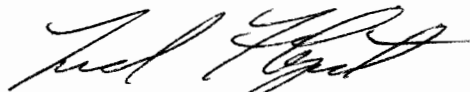
Dear Judge Hood:

I imagine that sentencing offenders is the most difficult job any Court has to do. I have practiced law for thirty years but I have never been a judge and I have never sentenced anyone. I do not envy those who are charged with this awesome responsibility.

I would not presume to offer advice to this Court, but I would like to share with the Court my perspective on Wally Hardin and his crime. I have known Wally all of his life, he went to school with my daughters and clerked for me in my law office. I think the world of Wally and more importantly I have never seen him have any violent tendencies or even be disobedient. I can't imagine Wally being a threat to anyone and I will be the first one to welcome him back to our community. I simply do not believe our society benefits from locking someone like Wally up for long periods of time. He is a young man who has a lot to contribute and in my view does not pose any risk to anyone. To my knowledge Wally has never been in any kind of trouble.

I know this Court will consider all the circumstances of this case and will arrive at a decision that is just to the best of the Court's ability. I can only pray that God will guide this Court and that justice will truly be done.

Sincerely,



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