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Date: 3.23.16

The Honorable Janet R. Burnside
Judge
1200 Ontario Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

Dear Ms. Burnside:

This letter is to inform you of my relationship and experience with John McNally IV. I am aware of the charges and pleas as they pertain to John.

I have known John for 8 years. Our children attend the same school and our families have grown close. During this time, John and I have volunteered to coach our children's teams as well as act as St. Christine's Parish Representatives for the Catholic Youth Soccer League. I have seen John in interactions with the public as both County Commissioner and as Mayor of Youngstown. I have also witnessed John in many personal settings ranging from charity events, parties, church, sporting events, and even family vacations. Among all of these settings one constant remains noticeable: John is a caring individual who always puts others needs ahead of his own.

Whether an impromptu discussion on Federal Street in Youngstown with a citizen who is questioning the city's parking scenario or on a soccer field with a parent asking about a questionable call on the pitch - John treats each individual the same. He is sincere, attentive, and focused on doing what he can to make their situation the best it can be. In both of these specific examples, and there are many more, John continues to answer questions not until he feels he is done, but when the individual asking them is satisfied. The compassion John shows is refreshing and the way he handles himself is inspiring.

Because of this approach to life and the respect he shows his family, his friends, and his community, I consider John a role model for my children. As a parent, I cannot think of a higher praise.

I would be happy to discuss this in further detail or answer any questions that you might have. I can be reached at 330.881.8701.

Sincerely,



Kent Blacksher

March 23, 2016

The Honorable Janet R. Burnside
1200 Ontario Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

Dear Judge Burnside,

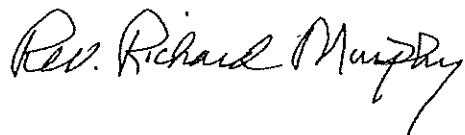
I write to ask the clemency of the Court in the case of Mayor John McNally of Youngstown. Having known John since his days as a student at Ursuline High School, where he graduated in 1987, and deeply appreciating his rational, progressive leadership of our economically ravaged city, I believe with all my heart in his character and in his capacity as a thoughtful person to overcome this episode in his otherwise stellar public career.

The French writer Montaigne once observed, "A worthy man can survive his reputation, both scandalous and overblown." Along with many of my fellow citizens from this part of northeast Ohio, I trust that John McNally can call upon his best self, and thereby continue to serve as our mayor with only positive distinction going forward. His even temperament, his good humor, his demonstrated ability to change the outlook of Youngstown from hopeless to hopeful in several essential ways – working heroically beyond an often broken civic apparatus – are clear signs to me of Montaigne's "worthy man."

John is, by my personal observation, now committed to redeem himself by resurrecting his community. He loves this city as he does his beautiful marriage and children. I count on you to assemble the facts which comprise his whole portrait as a man, and give this good and decent individual the second chance he is worthy of.

I do not hesitate to recommend John McNally to anyone as a person of good character, I stand with him through this dark, regrettable hour in hopes that he will rebound from the matters which have brought him before your honor. Please accept this witness to John's character as freely given and dearly held.

Sincerely,



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Thomas M. Humphries
PRESIDENT & CEO

March 24, 2016

The Honorable Janet R. Burnside, Judge
1200 Ontario Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

Dear Judge Burnside:

I am honored to be allowed to offer my thoughts as a character witness on behalf of Mr. John McNally.

I have known John since he attended high school at Ursuline with my sons as well as his brothers, sisters and parents. I have watched him work his way through a very prestigious education, including his time at Georgetown University, and career with his experience as a practicing lawyer, his time as law director for the city of Youngstown, serving as a Mahoning County Commissioner, and now as the Mayor of Youngstown.

I can attest to the fact that John is an honorable man, public leader, father and husband. His efforts have always been for the right reasons, to serve his family and the community.

I continue to work with John in his role as Mayor and in my 18 year tenure at the Regional Chamber, he is one of the best leaders I have had the privilege to work with.

Simply said, in my experience, when John does something, he does it to benefit others rather than himself.

As I stated at the start of this letter, it is an honor to be afforded the opportunity to share my thoughts and I thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Thomas M. Humphries". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

March 23, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside
Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court
Courtroom 16-B, The Justice Center
1200 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**RE: My Son, John A. McNally, IV
Case No. CR-14-585428-A**

Dear Judge Burnside:

I submit this letter for your consideration when imposing a sentence upon my Son, John A. McNally, IV, on March 28, 2016, particularly, as I am a lawyer who has been practicing for 44 years.

Obviously, I have known my Son his entire life. He worked in my Law office as a teenager and as a college student when he was home on his vacations. This was true of all four of my children.

I want to bring that aspect of him to you because on no occasion did he violate any client confidentiality, nor violate any expectations of privacy by my clients. As the saying goes, what he saw in my office, what happened in my office, and what he heard in my office, stayed in the office. He, like my other children, appreciated confidentiality at an early age.

There was never an occasion where he violated that confidentiality.

This is particularly sensitive to me in your imposing a sentence because one of the charges that he pled guilty to is based upon legal advice that I gave to him as to whether or not the contents of documents filed with the Bankruptcy Court were a matter of public record and could be faxed to a third-party. It was my advice to him that, once a document was filed with a Clerk of Courts, the contents of that document became a public record and it could be faxed to any third-party.

I still think that advice was right, but that may be irrelevant, since that is one of the charges for which you are imposing sentence on him on Monday.

John has always been a good kid, always a leader, and always concerned about the people around him; whether that be his office as Mayor and/or County Commissioner, his schools, his church, and the community-at-large.

I have had many people approach me, both before and after his plea before you, indicating that he has been involved with more community organizations, more public meetings (such as block watches), and more public events benefiting the community, than all of his predecessor Mayors combined.

Looking at this, as objectively as possible (which may be impossible), the City of Youngstown will suffer if a harsh sentence is imposed. Whether it is "Five Minutes with the Mayor" every month, returning citizens' phone calls on a daily basis, attending public forums, having an "open office" policy, and leading the City in general, particularly in economic and infrastructure development, there will be a void if he is not present.

More importantly, there will be a major void for his Wife and my two granddaughters (ages 13 and 10).

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts and comments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John A. McNally, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a double underline under the name.

JOHN A. McNALLY, III

JAM/dr

March 22, 2016

Judge Janet Burnside
Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas
1200 Ontario Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

Re: John A. McNally

Dear Judge Burnside:

I have known Youngstown Mayor John A. McNally and his family for a number of years, but have worked most closely with him during the past two years. During this time, I have seen what a wonderful father, husband, and community leader he is. His ability to balance work, family, and community involvement leads me to respect him even more than I did before.

I have had the honor and pleasure of working with the Mayor for the past two years as the City of Youngstown's Law Director. During this time, Mayor McNally has demonstrated competence, integrity, professionalism, honesty and vigilance in promoting the best interests of the City. As a result of his efforts, the City has successfully promoted economic development in the City with projects such as Wick Towers, where a commercial office building was converted to a residential apartment building, and the Wells Building, where a vacant building was repurposed to be used as commercial office space for Strollo Architects, with the upper floors containing new apartments. Future projects include a Doubletree Hotel in downtown Youngstown and an outdoor amphitheater and public park in the area adjacent to the Mahoning River. The Mayor's leadership has been, and will continue to be, essential to the successful completion of these and other important projects for the City of Youngstown.

The Mayor has been successful in solving long-standing problems in the City. Through his leadership, the City was able to resolve litigation with the State and Federal EPA that had been going on for over fifteen years. As a result, the City will substantially upgrade its wastewater treatment plant and eliminate overflows of wastewater into the lakes and streams in the community. After many years of litigation between the City Administration and the Judges of the Youngstown Municipal Court (which was related to the inadequacy of the Youngstown Municipal Court facilities), the Mayor was able to negotiate a settlement that will result in the construction of a new Youngstown Municipal Court that is expected to begin operating in 2017.

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The Mayor's management of the workforce of the city has been outstanding. For example, he worked with the Chief of the Fire Department and the Firefighters' Union to reduce personnel costs while keeping fire stations open and assuring that public safety would not be compromised. The Mayor maintains the respect of both members of the administration and the employees of the City.

I do not have personal knowledge about the events that gave rise to the charges against Mayor McNally. What I can say from my personal knowledge is that any improper conduct would be extremely out of character for the Mayor and is certainly unlikely to recur. Prior to becoming Law Director, I served as an assistant Mahoning County Prosecutor. Before he was Mayor, Mayor McNally represented clients in cases where I was the prosecutor. He was always well prepared, honest and diligent in his representation. Upon his election to serve as Mayor of Youngstown, his ability, character and desire to improve the lives of the citizens of Youngstown, led me to apply for the Law Director position in his administration. Mayor McNally is a public servant with whom I remain extremely proud to be associated.

I hope you will find that such a man deserves every favorable consideration when you determine the appropriate sentence in his case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin S. Hume". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Martin S. Hume

Dear Judge Burrside:
As Mayor McNally notes, I am respectfully asking you for probation in his case.

He is a fine man and a fine son. His merit as a husband and a father of two of our granddaughters is unequalled.

As a young child, John's teacher asked his class what person he wanted to be as an adult. His reply was "to be Mayor of Youngstown." He has achieved his goal and loves his job.

The people of Youngstown know and respect him, and his staff trusts him and works diligently for him and the city.

Youngstown is a far better place than it was and if John can remain in office, I know that the city will continue to progress.

I hope that these words will be of assistance to you in his pending.

Sincerely,
James M. Kelly



March 23, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside
Judge Center
1800 Ontario Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

Honorable Judge Burnside,

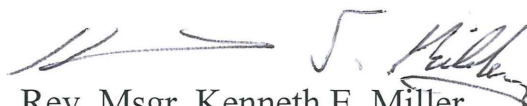
I am writing this character reference on behalf of **Michael V. Sciortino**. I am aware that he has entered a guilty plea to a charge of unlawful interest in a public contrast, one count of falsification, and one count of soliciting or accepting improper compensation. I am also aware of the guilty pleas he is entering in Mahoning County, Ohio. Being aware of these guilty pleas, I am nonetheless submitting this character reference for him.

I have known Michael Sciortino for six years as the pastor of his church. He has been a conscientious member of the church and has participated regularly in worship and support of several parish programs. He attends services with his family and is very attentive in ensuring that his children attend religious education classes on Sunday mornings.

He offers many extra hours of service to our church and has been very generous in supporting, organizing and leading events that help build our parish family.

Mike is first and foremost, a man devoted to his family and his community. He has always exhibited a willingness to go beyond the norm to help others, and in particular the members of our congregation. In my pastoral experience with him, he has always been honest, kind and compassionate.

Sincerely,


Rev. Msgr. Kenneth E. Miller
Pastor

March 23, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside
Judge Center
1800 Ontario St.
Cleveland, OH 44113

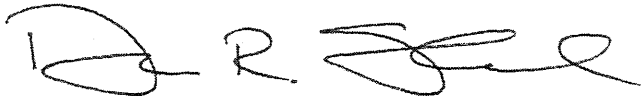
RE: Michael V. Sciortino

I'm writing this brief letter on behalf of Mike Sciortino. I first met, and got to know Mike during the spring of 2010. Like many parents with young children, my family and I have created a strong friendship with Mike and his family through youth sports.

While being aware of the Cuyahoga and Mahoning County pleas, I know that Mike has been a good friend, solid parent, and positive member of our community throughout this process. He has been very actively involved in his children's youth sports (and my children's youth sports) which include softball, baseball, basketball, football, and volleyball.

Knowing full well that none of us are perfect, through the past year I have witnessed Mike continue to work hard for his family financially and from a leadership role as a father. He's extremely active and supportive with his children and their events, which can't be said for many dads with much less on their plate. My family and my children have benefitted from being around Mike Sciortino for the past six years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Sherwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Sherwood" clearly distinguishable.

Don R. Sherwood
Financial Advisor
Alcyon Wealth Partners

March 22, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside
Justice Center
1800 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44413

Dear Judge Burnside,

My name is Bruce Papalia and I have known Michael Sciortino on a professional and personal level for approximately ten years. Since day one of meeting Michael, he has been a true and loyal friend to me, someone I am proud and honored to call a friend. I admire Michael for many of his attributes including his devotion to his family. On numerous occasions, while our families were together, I have witnessed, first hand, the professionalism Michael brings to his family as well as the general public. Consequently, I have found myself trying to instill these qualities within my own family. In my mind, Michael is a true role model. His morals and values he carries, show the type of person he truly is.

I am aware of the charges that Michael has plead guilty to in this criminal case. I truly believe that Michael did so to relieve the pressures and stress this has had on his family. As long as I have known Michael, he has never done anything but what he believed would be best, for the public or anyone involved in his life and that is what my beliefs are based on.

I believe that our Society needs more trustworthy people like Michael and I ask that you accept this truthful letter in regard to his sentencing. I respectfully thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Papalia

The Honorable Judge Janet R. Burnside

March 20, 2016

Judge Center

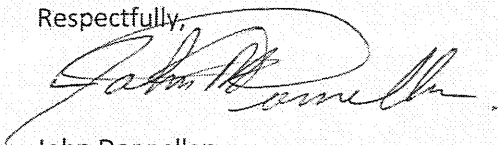
1800 Ontario Street

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Judge Janet R. Burnside,

My name is John Donnellan. I am writing to you on behalf of Michael Sciortino. I am very unsettled with the litigation Michael has gone through. The whole event has just proven his strong character! I have known Michael for six years on a personal friendship. I would like to say that he has incredible relationships, as Father to his 3 children, Husband to his wife Karen, and a personal friend to me. He is an honorable person and has my respect. He is a very generous and kind person who is committed to his family. I feel he has great family values and shares his time, talents, and treasure with the community. I am sure you will agree, once you read all of the character letters on behalf of Michael that many people are willing to rally around a person that they have great respect for! I respect your difficult decision when it comes to sentencing, my only request is that you evaluate each letter carefully and apply leniency on Michael. He has endured a life changing event which I believe has made him a stronger person! My wish and hope is that you are divinely guided when you make your decision. Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

Respectfully,

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John Donnellan

Judge Janet R. Burnside
Judge Center
1800 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

March 23, 2016

The Honorable Judge Janet Burnside,

I have known Michael Sciortino for approximately 25 years as a friend and former colleague at the Mahoning County Board of Elections. I believe I am in a position to speak of Michael's moral character, so I hope you will take this letter into account when making your decision.

My earliest memory of Michael was when he was placed in a position of being the father figure for his brothers at a young age. Michael's father passed away leaving his widowed Mother working multiple jobs placing him in charge of the family at home. I would have to say he did a pretty good job as his brothers are both successful professionals in the medical field!

As a father of his own family Michael is actively involved in their lives. I personally witnessed him volunteering his time on the baseball field coaching his young children. He never skipped a beat during these last few years when his attention was pulled and he was often in the news for the Oakhill allegations. He kept focused, and never let the negative media affect being there helping his wife raise their three children.

Michael was an outstanding Director for the Board of Elections and took his position seriously. He knew how to motivate even a part time election official like myself during the long hours of a typical election. Michael persevered during his time at the Board all the while raising a family, and graduating Law school in Akron. What an accomplishment it was for him! He moved on and was appointed to fill the Mahoning County Auditors position, he took pride in his position. This was reflected by being elected during the next election. From this perspective I can confirm that he is a man of great integrity dedicated to his family, friends and community.

As for me, I was born and raised in Mahoning County and I am still proud to call it home. I am a Service Operations Manager of a business that I am required to quickly identify people of good character, or not. This is important with regard to my profession. In my opinion Michael is definitely a man of good character.

I know that Michael has pled guilty, yes admitting to mistakes, however I believe Michael was looking out for the best interest of he and his family just as he was of the area he represented and believed in. It must be difficult for you to make decisions like this when you don't actually know the person standing in front of you, so I hope you will look at my letter and the countless others you're receiving, and understand that Michael is the kind of person around whom people admire. That has to say something, so please let that be a factor in your decision.

I say this not only because I am his friend, but because I truly believe in him.

Respectfully,



Chad A. Thorne

Judge Janet R. Burnside

March 18, 2016

Judge Center

1800 Ontario Street

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

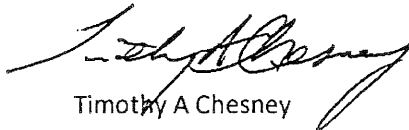
Your Honor,

I have followed the Oakhill issue from the beginning, while Mahoning County was pursuing the purchase of the Oakhill Renaissance, and up to today. I know Mike pleaded guilty to charges in that case and I am writing this letter with this knowledge.

I have known Mike Sciortino for @ 10 years. Prior to May 2014, I knew him professionally, and personally, but not very well. Professionally I found him competent and helpful. Personally I found him to be an ass. In May of 2014 he and I became more involved with each other personally through a community social service entity, and we see each other on a regular basis. I find him much different now, than when I knew him before this time. I see his compassion for others and his genuine desire to help make their day and life better.

Mike is a good man. He made some bad decisions, has admitted to them, and is trying to live differently. Today he tries to help other people and in fact he has helped many, me included. He exhibits behaviors of acceptance, unselfishness, honesty, and concern for others welfare. He is definitely an asset to this community, and a person I enjoy spending time with.

Very Truly,

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Timothy A Chesney

Judge Janet R. Burnside,
Judge Center,
1800 Ontario Street,
Cleveland, OH 44113

Judge Janet R. Burnside,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Mike Sciortino, my friend of eight years. Mike and I met for the first time when both of our oldest boys began playing tee-ball at Austintown Community Baseball. Over the years, Mike and I have developed a relationship with one another as friends. Our families have shared dinners at home, meals out in the community, and trips to community events. Mike and I have both continued coaching baseball in the community and every year I know I can count on Mike and his family. Our children remain friends and play together in the neighborhood, at school, and during community related activities. Our families get along very well.

Mike is a supportive coach and a positive role model for the children around him. He has a peaceful demeanor with children and he is a responsible volunteer. Mike and his wife always help with concessions and general field maintenance. I would not hesitate to trust Mike with tasks involving members of the community nor members of my immediate family. Mike always shows concern for my children and spouse. If I needed help with a family situation, Mike is a person I would immediately think to call.

I have not worked with Mike professionally as a Lawyer but over the years we have committed ourselves to our community baseball organization. As the current president of Austintown Community Baseball I have seen Mike put a lot of time into the development of our children. His involvement has been wonderful. I know in light of his recent plea, Mike has been preoccupied with this hearing. I have not seen him nearly as often as I used to, but I believe Mike is sorry for what has happened and above all things, he would like to get back to being the community minded man that I met eight years ago.

Sincerely,



Calvin C Roby,
President, Austintown Community Baseball
Instructor, Trumbull Career and Technical Center

March 24, 2016

Honorable Judge Janet R. Burnside
Judge Center
1800 Ontario Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

I write to you with a heavy heart and a level head to ask for your consideration of my testimony regarding Michael Vincent Sciortino's character. I have known Michael for 31 years. We met as friends in high school, started dating at 16 years old and have been married for 22 years. God blessed us with three beautiful and healthy children; Kaitlyn 15 years of age, Vincent 13 and Michael 12. I know I speak for both of us when I say they are our greatest accomplishment. We have worked hard together to teach them to value their family, community and themselves. Michael is the patriarch of our family and without his guidance we wouldn't be the tight knit family we are today.

Our family has endured a tremendous amount of public scrutiny over the past several years. I expected to develop thick skin quickly when Michael decided to run for elected office, understanding how cut throat politics is in our valley. However, I never anticipated the battles and humiliation we would face for 10 very long years. This has caused our entire family a great amount of stress and financial hardship. On the flip side, we have all grown much closer and stronger as individuals and as a family unit. I strongly believe that something good always comes from something bad. From whatever bad choices or decisions Michael has made in the past, we have learned the importance of supporting one another and forgiveness. Since the indictment in May of 2014, I have witnessed a transformation in Michael's personality. He has let go of his anger and resentment and has found acceptance and an inner peace since politics is no longer the driving force. He has humbled himself by taking a job in our community that is significantly below his qualifications but he works hard every day serving patrons with dignity and grace.

While standing by his convictions, Michael has taken responsibility for his role in this investigation. I understand the charges that have been brought against Michael and I honor his decision to accept blame and any consequences that may arise. I truly believe there was no intent to harm or commit any criminal behavior on Michael's part. Michael entered his position as County Auditor excited to take upon the challenge of being a good steward of Mahoning County tax dollars. He embraced the opportunity to work hard to gain the confidence of those who elected him to this position. There are several accomplishments that Michael made during his tenure that have been foreshadowed by the indictments. I think he served Mahoning County diligently and implemented changes that helped make the county fiscally sound.

Over the 31 years that we have been together, I have watched in awe of Michael's determination to succeed and become a better person. Michael didn't give up on his dream of

becoming a lawyer after not being accepted into law school upon first application. He worked hard to improve his qualifications and was accepted into the part time program at Akron Law School. While working full time and helping to raise our one year old daughter, Michael drove an hour back and forth every night to attend classes. He maintained this rigorous schedule while our family grew and until he achieved his goals. When elected County Auditor, he dove in and learned all aspects of the position. His office was effective and operated efficiently. Today, he is determined to support his family. He demonstrates to us that when you get knocked down, you pick yourself up, start from the bottom and do whatever it takes to be responsible for yourself and your family.

What I have grown to admire most about Michael is his strength in adversity. Michael identified and took ownership that he was drinking too much and it was negatively impacting him and our family. On his own recourse, he sought help and after 2 years he remains sober. He now helps others who are struggling with alcoholism. He inspires our family with his commitment and deep faith in God.

Michael lives for our family. He and I share a deep love and lasting friendship. My love and respect for him grows each day as I watch him interact with our children. I am constantly jealous of his patience with our teenage daughter but I am so thankful that he is always there to be the voice of reason between her and I. It is priceless to watch the bond that strengthens each day between him and the boys. Whether it's watching them playing catch together, spending Sundays on the couch watching football or listening to their conversations about the current Presidential election, I thoroughly enjoy every simple moment. Michael is helping to mold these children into smart, well mannered, responsible young adults. Together we have worked hard to make sure that this case has impacted their lives as little as possible. Our children are at a very vulnerable and pivotal age and I fear what effect the outcome of the case will have on them. It helps that we are surrounded by lots of friends and family that believe in Michael and support us unconditionally but ultimately, they need the presence of both parents in their lives.

I appreciate you taking the time to hear me out. I could go on and on and I apologize for the length of this letter. It is important to me that you understand what a significant impact Michael has on my life and the lives of our children along with just about everyone he encounters. His loyalty to his family, the community he serves and to God will help guide him through whatever the future holds. However, I would be remiss if I did not appeal to your honor, not for Michael or myself, but rather for our children that you will please find leniency in your sentencing.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Sciortino

James F. Braga
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Canfield, Ohio 44406
(330)799-6282

March 20, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside
Judge Center
1800 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Judge Burnside,

I want to first thank you for giving me the opportunity to write this letter. I know of Mike Sciortino's legal issues and current plea deal. I feel compelled to write this letter. I have known Mike for 27 years. During those years we have become family, but I consider him one of my great friends. I have great respect for him as a man and an even greater respect for him as a father. Over the years I have watched him with my family and now with his own family. I see the depth of commitment he has in giving them a healthy, happy home, fully supporting his children as they grow all the while teaching them the importance of honoring oneself, community and family with pride in who they are, where they come from and what they can be. Mike has always involved himself in their school, church, social, and athletic activities.

During this time I have also seen him grow in his career. While his career has taken a different turn as of late, he has embraced those changes with a great work ethic. He is now striving to create a new future for himself and his family. Stepping out of the shadows of the past, he is diligently forging forward. I can speak to this because Mike is working for my wife and myself at our business. It is very hard to come by employees you can trust to handle your business and money, and we feel especially thankful that we have someone we can trust in Mike. We do not easily turn over any of our daily managerial roles. He has worked hard for us daily to prove his worth. I wish you had the opportunity to meet him under different circumstances so you might be able to see him the way that I and others who truly know, trust and admire him see him.

Warm regards,

James F. Braga

Beth Magliocca
180 Woodland Run
Canfield, Ohio 44406
brmags@zoominternet.net

March 22, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside
1800 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Judge Burnside,

I am writing on behalf of my brother-in-law Michael V. Sciortino. Though I am very aware of the allegations against him, as well as his guilty pleas, I stand by Mike and support him wholeheartedly.

I have known Mike for almost thirty years since he first began dating my sister, Karen McGahagan-Sciortino, while still in High School. Since that time, we have shared so many of life's most important milestones. I was proud to stand up for Mike and Karen as they pledged their love and commitment to one another in marriage, and then honored to include both of them in my own wedding party. We have always maintained a close relationship as couples attending the same church, vacationing together, and raising our families at the same time.

As fate would have it, Mike and Karen welcomed their first child, a daughter, in August of 2000, and my husband, Ralph and I welcomed our first child, also a girl, just three months later. The parallel would continue as we both went on to welcome two more children each, with both of our families having two boys of similar ages to one another. Through all of these years, I have watched how Mike's children, and my own, love and admire him. He is a key part of all of the big and small moments that our families share, always ready to entertain us with his humor and musical talents.

As one would expect, life isn't always easy, and as a family we have faced many trying times together. Through the years, I have witnessed Mike work through both personal and professional adversities. In fact, Mike has always astounded me with his ability to maintain a positive outlook on life with courage to move forward even in the most difficult times. Mike's strength brought him through this and shaped him into a man devoted to his family and resilient in life.

I have and will continue to support my brother-in-law, Michael V. Sciortino. If you have any questions regarding what I have shared here, or if I can further attest to Mike's character, please don't hesitate to contact me at 330-718-3539.

Sincerely,



Beth Magliocca

Ralph Magliocca Jr.
180 Woodland Run
Canfield, Ohio 44406

March 23, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside
1800 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

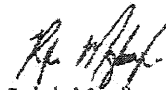
Dear Judge Burnside,

I am aware of the allegations against Mike Sciortino as well as his guilty pleas nonetheless I would like you to know that I believe Mike is a good man and I support him fully.

I met Mike twenty seven years ago when I began dating his wife's sister Beth. Over the years we have spent countless hours together. We were married a year from one another and started our families at the same time. Since then, we have been enjoying raising our children. Mike is a good father. He spends much of his time devoted to his family. Mike has been a loyal friend and confidant to me and a wonderful uncle to my children. Regardless of the challenges Mike faces, I respect and admire his positive attitude and determination to move forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 330-718-5184.

Sincerely,



Ralph Magliocca Jr.

The Honorable Judge Janet R. Burnside

March 20, 2016

Judge Center

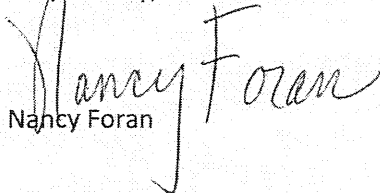
1800 Ontario Street

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Judge Janet R. Burnside,

My name is Nancy Foran. I am writing to you on behalf of Michael Sciortino. Michael is my brother. I have been with him through the complete litigation process. To see Michael go through this process made me feel heartbroken he did not deserve this treatment! My brother's honor and integrity has been damaged for the purpose of others gain. In his life time that I have observed him, he has always put others first, sometimes to a fault. When he was in high school, our father lost his job at the steel mill. Michael had to take on a job in a musical wedding band to help provide for me, his two brothers and the family bills. I feel that this is the definition of someone who has integrity, selflessness, and tenacity for doing the best for his family. He has always put his family first before his friends or himself. My hope for Michael is to have him get his life back together to a sense of normalcy. I would like to have him put all of these issues behind him. Judge, please reflect on the case and the character letters you will review and come to the conclusion that Michael is a incredible person, father, person of the community and most important to me a incredible Brother! I request you please show him leniency in your issuing of his sentence. I know you are faced with a difficult decision to make on behalf of Michael, as you have only known his character for a short time. Unfortunately, not under the best of situations. If you truly knew him, as I do, you would want to call him a FRIEND!

Respectfully,


Nancy Foran

March 21, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside

Justice Center

1800 Ontario Street

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Dear Judge Burnside,

My name is Dan Sciortino and I am the brother of Michael Sciortino. I am writing you this character letter so you can understand what kind of person my brother is and will always be. I feel that I owe my brother every day of my life because he was the one who raised me after our father passed away while we were young. Our mother worked two jobs as a registered nurse so it was up to Michael to make sure that I was taken care of. He never once complained about the situation as he always put others before himself. Michael is a respectful, truthful, and compassionate person. I believe his greatest attribute is his ability to inspire others as he did with me. I recently received acceptance to the University of Arizona Anesthesia program after being rejected from three other schools. Michael encouraged me to continue and not give up on my dream. I strongly believe his motivation he gave to me is the reason I was accepted. Michael is a devoted and loving husband and father to his wife Karen and their three children Kaitlyn, Vincent, and Mikey. The pride and joy he has for his family is extraordinary. In my opinion, he is what every person, husband, and father should be.

I am aware that Michael has pled guilty to charges from the Oak Hill investigation. I mentioned Michael's attributes in the above paragraph. He never changed while he was the Auditor of Mahoning County. He has always been a dedicated and professional employee for the community. Michael constantly did his due diligence regarding county issues and policies. He always wanted what was best for the County. Michael loved his office staff as if they were part of his family.

In conclusion, I believe in my brother for what he stands for. I am relieved this case is over knowing the past 10 years have been a nightmare for our entire family. I truly thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Sciortino', written in a cursive style.

Dan Sciortino

March 22, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside

Justice Center

1800 Ontario Street

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

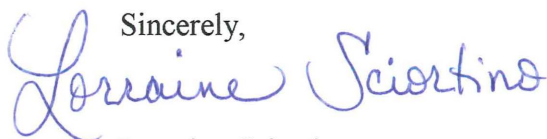
Dear Judge Burnside,

I am writing to you this letter regarding my brother-in-law Michael Sciortino. Prior to Mike being my brother-in-law he was my friend, a great friend. I have known Mike for 20 years and in that time he has always acted in a loving, compassionate, and professional manner. I have worked for the Mahoning County Treasurer's Office since 1990 and on a daily basis interact with the Mahoning County Auditor's Office. In 2005 Mike was appointed to the Auditor's position in which worked with him directly in a professional manner for 10 years. I have witnessed his concern for the tax payers of Mahoning County. He always had their best interest at heart. Campaigning with Mike was something extraordinary. He never acted unprofessional as he would even shake hands with the same people who were trying to bring him down. Mike would always tell me to be humble and to appreciate life. When he would enter a room, people's faces would light up. Every day I run into someone asking me, "How Mike is doing and tell him we are thinking about him." This speaks volumes about his character and the type of person he is.

Mike's family and friends always come first especially his wife and three children. I am well aware of the guilty pleas Mike has pled to knowing it was in his family's best interest to move past the 10 years of uncertainty they have been living with. Mike is a dedicated family man, yet with all of his legal issues still coaches his children's sports teams. He would attend all the games with no exceptions as well as focusing on any of their school functions. As usual, he always did it with a smile on his face.

In conclusion, I would like you to know how proud I am to have Michael Sciortino as part of my family. He and his wife Karen, along with their three children have been a positive influence in our family's everyday lives. Mike has even touched the lives of my side of the family with his sincere, honest, and loving character. We are all blessed to be able to call Mike Sciortino a friend. I would like to personally thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Lorraine Sciortino

Judge Janet R. Burnside
Judge Center
1800 Ontario Street,
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Judge Burnside:

I am aware of Mike Sciortino's recent guilty pleas and upcoming sentencing, and I really wanted to take a moment to give you some insight into my relationship with Mike over the past 34 years. I've known Mike since he was a 12 year old boy, and have watched him grow to be a good man, loving husband and devoted father. Mike has been a constant presence in my life since I met him. I am aware that through the years he has made mistakes, as we all do, but he is a faithful man who values family and friendship. He has always been active in all aspects of his three children's lives. Whether it be working on homework, watching a recital, coaching their sports teams or just cheering from the stands, he is always such a strong support system for them. I've seen Mike go through many personal hardships, but he always faces those challenges with great strength of character and with a drive to be a better, stronger person.

Personally, Mike has played many roles in my life: friend, brother-in-law, uncle to my children, and now an employee. My family has always been able to count on him knowing that no matter what, he will be there for us. I can also speak to his character on a professional level. Mike currently works for my husband and myself. He started out at the bottom of the rung much below his pay grade and/or educational level, but had a willingness to pay his dues and to work his way up. He has dedicated himself at work to learn every aspect of our business and has become an invaluable employee. He handles his job with integrity, honesty and hard work.

It's hard to say all that Mike is in just a few paragraphs, but at his core he is a good man and one that I feel fortunate to have in so many different aspects of mine and my family's life. I truly appreciate the time that you have taken to read this, and hope that you will take this note into consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelley Braga

Todd K. Westfall
78 Midgewood Dr.
Boardman, Ohio 44512

March 18, 2016

Judge Janet R. Burnside
Judge Center
1800 Ontario St.
Cleveland, OH 44113

Re: Michael V. Sciortino, Character Reference

Dear Judge Burnside:

I have been asked by Mike Sciortino to provide this Character Reference Letter for your consideration relative to his guilty pleas in regard to the allegations made in the Oakhill conspiracy case currently pending before you. While I am generally aware of the guilty pleas he has entered in both your case and the case pending in Mahoning County I would like to briefly describe the man I've come to know and his positive character.

Mike was referred to me in June of 2014 by a mutual acquaintance who indicated that Mike was interested in pursuing a spiritual way of life. Mike and I met and we discussed the program that I use. Specifically we discussed the actions that he would have to take and the time commitment necessary if he were to undertake the program. Mike stated that he was willing to go forward.

Mike began the program and worked diligently completing the program in approximately 90 days. We met on a weekly basis to assess his progress and discuss next steps. Even though he was busy with work, a re-election campaign, his family, and legal matters, he persevered and never shirked his responsibilities to me or the program.

Over the last two years I have watched Mike put this program to work in all aspects of his life and attempt to live unselfishly. I speak with Mike several times a week and meet with him on a weekly basis. Based on our conversations and watching the actions Mike takes, I believe that he is more concerned with his family and others than he is with his own agenda.

I can only judge a man by his actions. Mike's actions demonstrate a man doing his best to live a spiritual way of life.

Very truly yours,

Todd K. Westfall