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The Honorable Mary A. McLaughlin United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania U.S. Courthouse 601 Market Street, Room #13614 Philadelphia, PA 19106-1723

Re:

Andrew Mogilyansky

Dear Judge McLaughlin,

My name is Marina Kats, and I am an attorney in Northeast Philadelphia as well as the President of the Russian-Americans Chamber of Commerce. I have known Andrew Mogilyansky and his family for over twenty (20) years. Through my Chamber of Commerce work, I know Andrew Mogilyansky to be a reputable businessman, a philanthropist, and a wellknown, highly respected member of the community. As an active member of the Chamber, Andrew has demonstrated both his dedication to a common charitable cause and a strong desire to give back to the community. His family and his friends, including me, fully support him in this difficult situation.

I have personally turned to Andrew on numerous occasions for advice and guidance. He was always happy to lend a hand and give valuable feedback without ever asking for anything in return. I have come to recognize Andrew Mogilyansky as a highly intelligent, bright individual with a brilliant mind and a kind heart. His outstanding charitable works, such as helping and aiding victims of terrorist acts in Russia, serve as a standard for human compassion and exemplify his own personal willingness to sacrifice his own interests in order to help those in need.

Your Honor, I write this letter today to respectfully ask for leniency when sentence is imposed on Andrew Mogilyansky. Please know that he is already paying a high price for his mistakes. I personally know Andrew's wife and three young children, and his family will suffer

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irreparable, devastating damage if he is taken away for long. His wife has unflinchingly stood by him throughout this entire ordeal. As a woman and the mother of two children myself, I was amazed by her strength and dedication. The scene I observed in a courthouse bathroom during Andrew's bail hearing struck the deepest chords of my soul – Andrew's wife was kneeling on the bathroom floor nursing her baby while her two-year old, who was running a high fever, was sitting on her lap, clinging to her. To me, that was an example of horrific human tragedy, but also of eternal love and dedication.

Your Honor, while we cannot turn back the clock, the future of this family and three small children can be saved from devastation. I respectfully ask you to be kind to Andrew Mogilyansky, if only for the sake of his family.

Respectfully,

Marina Kats