



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

16 June 2009

Dear Judge McLaughlin,

My name is Aleksandr Demchuk and I am a Pennsylvania licensed realtor working for Dan Real Estate. I met Andrew in 1995 when I arrived to the US. I am married to Andrew's cousin.

Andrew helped us a lot in the beginning when we were "new" to the country and the culture. His help was very much appreciated.

My close interaction with Andrew began a few years ago when his family housed paralyzed girl, Diana, from Beslan, Russia, who came to the US to undergo surgery and rehabilitation, and her parents. I was one of the people involved in arranging their transportation, which I was able to do due to my flexible work schedule. I spent a lot of time with Diana and her parents, driving them to and from the hospital many times. I saw how much Andrew and his family cared about Diana's family, going out of their way to make their stay here as comfortable as possible.

Andrew gave this family a hand and a hope which they needed so much. No one else did at the time. Russian government did nothing for these Russian citizens, but Andrew did. He spent an enormous amount of time and effort working on the "Beslan project" just because he wanted to help.

Our families became especially close in the past two years after Andrew and Oksana had their twins. We are often guests in their house. Andrew is a good, caring father and husband. I have known him for 14 years and I can only say the best things about him. I am happy to have him as a relative.

Thank you for your time and your consideration to this letter.

Respectfully,

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