

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

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Dear Judge McLaughlin

My name is Yan Mogilyansky and I am a self-employed financial analyst. As Andrew Mogilyansky's cousin I have known Andrew my whole life and am happy to have this opportunity to attest to his character. While the examples I bring up below refer to my personal experiences, they represent Andrew's way of treating everyone around him as well.

My parents, my elderly grandmother and myself arrived to the US in 1992 from the Ukraine without a cent or a word of English. By that point Andrew had lived in America for a few years and was about to graduate from Columbia University. At the same time he worked trying to support himself and his father. Despite their constrained finances and living arrangements Andrew made sure my entire family was able to share roof with him and his father for as long as it took us to get on our feet.

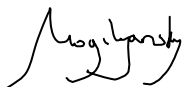
Prior to 1992 Andrew had very little interaction with my family as we had lived in different countries. Still, while balancing being a full time student and the sole breadwinner for the household of seven people, Andrew found time and resources to introduce us to America, and walk us through every bump in the road during the immigration and assimilation process. He acted as an interpreter, guide and a guardian to make sure our transition to the new way of life was as smooth as possible.

I – fifteen years old at the time – benefited the most from Andrew's generosity as he helped me with everything: from teaching me English and computer literacy to getting my first real job and opening my first bank account, to finally applying and getting admitted to college to peruse my own dreams.

But besides the skills necessary for my new life in the US, Andrew taught me what is the most important in my new country. Its values: generosity, fair play, independence and entrepreneurship. He did this by his own example as he represented all those values to the highest degree: an exceptional student of math and sciences, a successful businessman he always found new ways to help people around him.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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