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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

Dear Judge McLaughlin:

My name is Zhenya Kiperman. I am a filmmaker and professor at Drexel University. I am writing this letter in support of Andrew Mogilyansky, my good friend for about twenty years. In the late eighties, we both came to the USA from Russia and went to Columbia University where we met.

Andrew is one of the most gifted and good-hearted people that I met in my life. I am sure you know about his activities as the founder and president of the International Foundation for Terror Act Victims ([www.moscowhelp.org](http://www.moscowhelp.org)). I closely observed how Andrew was helping one of the victims of Beslan tragedy, Diana Murtazova, who became paralyzed as a result of the terrorist attack. Andrew arranged for Diana and her parents to come to the USA, undergo extensive 6-month long rehabilitation at Philadelphia Shriners Hospital for Children and have a vascular surgery. For several weeks Diana and her parents lived in Andrew's house, then he arranged for them to move to an apartment closer to the hospital. Despite his very busy schedule and family responsibilities (at the time Andrew's wife was pregnant with twins), Andrew spent a lot of time and energy caring for Diana and her family during the months of their stay here – a true example of rare human generosity.

Andrew's current situation has shaken the entire Russian community in this country. Through his foundation and his personal efforts Andrew has helped hundreds of people in difficult, often desperate circumstances. I am one of the many who know Andrew's many good deeds, the kindness of his heart, his ability to feel the pain of others as his own and do all he can to relieve this pain.

Please kindly exercise leniency in Andrew's case. He has done a lot of good in this world; he will do much more, if given the opportunity.

Respectfully,

Zhenya Kiperman  
Writer/Director/Producer  
Professor of Film  
Drexel University

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zhenya Kiperman', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.