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The Honorable Judge Morris Lasker
U.S. District Court
Southern District
New York, NY

Dear Judge Lasker:

I am writing this letter to speak on behalf of Mr. Ivan Boesky who has recently appeared before your court. I would like to share some personal background for the records, and to ask for consideration for Mr. Boesky.

I have known Ivan for over 40 years. We began grade school together and since that time have shared loyal and true friendship.

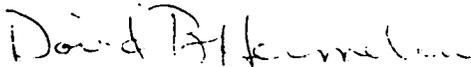
When you have known someone for that length of time, you come to know the depth of their concern and the strength of their friendship. I have witnessed the love and concern that Ivan has for his family and his faith, and I know by his actions how deep is his concern for his community.

I know, after speaking with Ivan, that he is filled with a sense of remorse for that which he has done, and he is deeply distressed. I strongly believe that he is committed to applying his skills and talents to positive and caring community endeavors.

In the recent past Ivan has not only given of his material resources, but even more importantly, of his time and leadership in order to benefit others. He will make an even greater effort, in the future, if given the opportunity.

I urge your consideration for leniency in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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