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October 8, 2018

BY ECF

The Honorable Analisa Torres
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Alexander Neumeister*
Case No. 18 Crim. 385 (AT)

Dear Judge Torres:

On behalf of our client, Alexander Neumeister, we attached three additional letters of support that we received after the filing of our sentencing submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Justine A. Harris

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Attorneys for Alexander Neumeister

cc: AUSAs Dina McLeod and Christopher Harwood (by ECF)

Your Honorable Judge Torres,

I would like to begin by thanking you for taking the time to read this letter. It is a great honor for me to be able to write this letter to you. My name is Anne-Sophie Neumeister, and I am Alexander Neumeister's daughter.

Throughout my entire life, my Dad has always played a significant part in my life together with my Mom. My parents and I, as well as my two younger brothers have always been a close-knit family. Due to this, when the current situation presented itself, my Dad decided to immediately be honest with myself and the rest of our family. We discussed the entire situation, the necessary steps that would have to be taken, and the nature of the charge at hand as a family.

My Dad has spent the past year at home, which has been a great pleasure for me as well as my brothers because we have been able to further strengthen our relationships with him. Although the severity of the situation may have weighed other individuals down, it did the opposite to my dad. He became an even stronger person and has been working harder than ever to try to find a new job to help support us. He regrets the mistakes he made because he can see that he put the entire family at risk, and has made sure that my brothers and I understand that under no circumstances should we ever put ourselves in the same situation he is in due to not considering the long term consequences of his actions. The fact that my Dad can admit all this is something that I admire very much, because it shows just how much he has grown. I can see how much he suffers because he can no longer support the family as much as he did in the past. My brothers and I largely rely on my Dad as not just a father figure and someone we can come to for advice, but also for financial support. Growing into an adult myself, I realize how much our utilities bills, food costs, and day to day bills are, and I can also see that it has been harder to stay on top of these payments without my father's financial support. He has been applying for hundreds of jobs, and although he has not been successful yet, he does not give up and keeps trying, which is something that I find admirable and is a trait I hope display too.

My entire family, consisting of my parents and younger brothers and I, have discussed the option of my father returning to Austria. We are all aware that it would create a somewhat difficult situation because my Dad would not be as available as he would be if he lived in America. However, we have also discussed that if this situation does arise, we will maintain our family bond no matter what the circumstances are. My Dad worked as a clinical psychiatrist in his private practice and in a hospital in Austria before we moved to America. We all want to see him happy again, and I know how important it is to him to be able to support us as a family. Therefore, I kindly and respectfully ask you to provide him with the option to re-establish his clinical work in Austria in case he cannot find a new position in America.

Again, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration in regard to this letter.

Sincerely,

Anne-Sophie Neumeister



October 7, 2018

Honorable Analisa N. Torres
United States District Judge for the
Southern District of New York

Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007-1312

Your honor,

My name is Fernando Snellings and I am an account executive at a public relations firm in New York.

I have known Dr. Alexander Neumeister since 2013 when we both resided in Brooklyn and since then he has become a close friend, ally and someone I wholeheartedly trust with my life. There are not enough words I can use to describe the generosity and kindness of Alex; he is patient and kind, considerate and hard working.

Alex is someone who has always been curious in all of my pursuits; every year of college after I had received my graded portfolio submission, Alex would take the time to look through my best work, often praising it and encouraging me to continue to strive for nothing less than success. When I expressed an interest in visiting his country of birth, Austria, Alex compiled a list of places for me to explore. Despite communicating every day, a birthday or holiday hasn't passed without a sweet note from him.

Alex gives without expecting anything in return, and is kind to everyone, whether it be staff, strangers or people he holds close to him. His friendship is something I value immeasurably, as he is someone who through his actions encourages and teases out my best qualities. Throughout my life, I have struggled with feelings of low self esteem and anxiety, but both feelings are banished around Alex. He is patient and listens to me when I voice concerns of any arising issues in my life and will give me advice, often remaining the voice of reason and calming my anxiety. When a friendship fell apart for me in September of 2017, Alex was the first person who offered words of encouragement and was both balanced in ensuring I felt comfortable and also helping me understand what could have happened. He never judged or blamed me once. Alex can sometimes hold in his emotions to not burden others, and often, puts others before him, even when the outcome will harm him in the long run. Unfortunately, he has been burned before in the past due to others taking advantage of him, and while many people would become hardened and angry, Alex has never closed his heart off.

In confidence, Alex has expressed shame and guilt over this charge; he was honest with me and candid in his feelings of remorse. The actions and accusations of the charge do not mirror at all my friend; they are completely out of character and do not align with his morals or

behavior. Alex has in confidence made mention of how crippling this situation has been for him; destabilizing familial, professional and personal relationships as he must pour his efforts towards these agonizing charges. In all honesty it has affected our friendship too; the man I met and found myself in comfort and confidence with isn't the man I see today: he is deeply depressed and at times emotionally unavailable. It hasn't been the easiest at times to maintain our friendship but I care so deeply for this individual. I also know Alex is the gentlest soul I've met. Alex is to me a feeling of security and safety, a beacon of comfort and kindness, presented in an often quiet, unassuming package. He is humble where others are haughty, reserved where others roar. He embodies a quiet strength and confidence I am in awe of and admire deeply. He is someone that I truly believe has misstepped and found himself in a situation where his kindness and generous heart was taken for granted. When I met Alex, my world opened up, and as hard as it is to describe, despite his protests of humility, he makes it hard to imagine what life was like before he was a part of it. I in all honesty don't think I could live without him in mine. It is often said the ultimate act of kindness is love and I do in fact have an excessive amount of love for Alex.

He is a person of high integrity; he honors his commitments, is honest, and is genuine and gentle, especially with someone like myself, who can be sensitive. I would not hesitate in trusting him with my safety and well-being. In all honesty, I intend to keep him in my life for as long as possible. He is magnetic, he is smart and his inner beauty is apparent within only minutes in conversing with him. Alex is someone who keeps me grounded and offers a rare sense of security in my life. He is one of the kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of getting to know. He is the last person I would want to see hurt or experience any pain, as he is the first person to alleviate mine.

As his friend, I am completely committed to supporting his success, I hope this letter is a testament to that. Should you need to be in contact with me, I may be reached via telephone at

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Sincerely,

Fernando Snellings

[REDACTED]
Hamden, Conn. [REDACTED]
July 27, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing on behalf of Alex Neumeister. He is without a doubt one of the nicest people we have ever met.

Alex is a wonderful neighbor, family man, hard worker, honest, very industrious, and very helpful to anyone who needs help.

As a neighbor, he volunteers without your asking. After th last storm we had, Alex volunteered to help us clean up our property, taking away fallen branches and other debris.

Alex is a very kind person. He was very kind to us when there was illness in our family. He never thinks of himself first. It's always the next person.

Finally, in our estimation, Alex is tops and is one of the best human beings on this planet. If there were more people like Alex, this would be a wonderful world.

Sincerely

Bill & Florence Platcow