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Maxine Wilensky, Esq.  
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Judicial District of New Haven  
235 Church St.  
New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Daniel Greer

Dear Ms. Wilensky:

I write regarding Dan Greer, who is an old law school acquaintance. Dan reached out to seek my advice following his recent conviction, in part because he was disturbed by arguments made following his conviction regarding Orthodox Jews generally and possible flight to Israel.

I have now reviewed the transcript of that argument, and was also troubled by some of the statements made, in particular the State's assertion that "many.... Orthodox Jews who have been accused of crimes flee to Israel". I have been in touch with Jewish advocacy groups to share the transcript and solicit their thoughts. I believe it does a disservice to the justice system to paint Orthodox Jews – or any ethnic or religious group – in such stereotypical, broad-brush terms, rather than addressing history and characteristics of the individual defendant. Several years ago a federal prosecutor in the Eastern District of NY made a similar argument which we protested. My recollection is that he was sternly rebuked by his superiors for his display of bias against Orthodox Jews.

I would be happy to discuss those concerns with you, if you like.

/s/ Prof. Alan Dershowitz