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July 1, 2020

BY ECF AND BY EMAIL

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Michael Schlisser, 17 Cr. 86 (VEC)

Dear Judge Caproni:

Pursuant to the Crime Victims' Rights Act codified at Title 18, United States Code, Section 3771, the Government's Victim-Witness Coordinator has attempted to notify victims of defendant Michael Schlisser's offense in this case that he recently filed a motion for compassionate release from prison. The Government respectfully encloses another written submission that the Government has received from one of those victims in response to that notice.

For the Court's awareness, the Government's notice in this case asked that the victims provide any written comments no later than July 2, 2020.

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RE: Fromen v. Schlisser

United States v Defendant Michael Schlisser

████████████████████ Dkt No. 17-CR-00086

Dear Ms. Olsen:

I am Ernie Fromen. My mother was victimized by Michael Schlisser in a calculating premeditated manner. He knew my mother was a Holocaust survivor who came to the United States after the war seeking to establish a family and build a new life with my father. Michael Schlisser willfully and knowingly preyed on my mother's friendship with his father. He devised a scheme to defraud my mother of her life savings. I stupidly thought he was rehabilitated from his previous time in prison. Because of his father's relationship with my father, I believed he was a changed man. Unfortunately that was not the case. Michael Schlisser stole \$1.2 million from investors and family money.

He is a repeat offender and doesn't care how many lives he ruins. I believe he can safely stay and should not be let out of Otisville. He may be high risk but I am confident the prison can manage his health. If let out I know he will go on to his next victim. Our family can never recoup the financial loss we incurred through Mr. Schlisser's devious plan and the emotional pain he caused us. I don't want another family to suffer as my mother and the investors who trusted have.

My wife's mother also a holocaust survivor who endured Auchwitz lost \$200,000. My mother is now in a home at the age of 98 and is on Medicaid after losing \$600,00 of her life's saving. I help her out as well. It's a sad ending for holocaust survivors who worked hard and scrimped their entire lives to be conned by this crooked individual. Mr Schlisser has a pattern. He is a con man and having done this twice, he will do it again.

I beg the court to keep his jail term as is and not let this criminal out of jail.

Thank You

 POA.

Ernie Fromen