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To Judge Fall-

I am writing to you regarding Ajay Dev's case. I have known the Dev's for 21 years and have been privy to their family dynamics. Our families spent several long weekends together in their homes in Davis and in our homes in Chico and Monterey when the supposed rapes took place. The girl chose my wife and I as her adopted godparents.

It is crystal clear to me, as it is to everyone who knows the Dev family that Ajay Dev is not guilty of the crimes he has been convicted of. Her claims are outrageous lies. For example, she claimed that she was raped when they spent the night in our Monterey home. I witnessed them sleep in different rooms in a tiny 2 bedroom house with 2 dogs and open doors. I witnessed the girl wake up, after allegedly being raped, and wedge herself on the couch between her adopted parents and cuddle in the crisp Monterey morning.

I know you have received several letters like this one, and you saw the support Ajay had during the trial. We are reasonable people, who have a depth of experience with the accuser and the accused that is unknown to the court. We are not fools, and we do not stand in solidarity behind a rapist. I believe that you know this. Your experience in the court must tell you this is so. The jury got it wrong. Justice in this case is now in your hands.

The decision you have been empowered with calls to mind a favorite quote from Dante, which says the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of moral crisis, maintain neutrality,

Please do whatever is in your power to help Ajay Dev regain his freedom. It's the right thing to do.

Sincerely,


