



July 21, 2009

Judge Timothy Falls  
Yolo County Superior Court  
725 Court Street  
Woodland, CA 95695

Re: Ajay Dev

Your Honor,

My husband and I are both former Californians. We have lived in Oregon seventeen years. He is a retired Senior Test Engineer for Lockheed 's Missiles and Space Division and I am a retired public librarian and former public school teacher. I am also a member of The American Association for University Women, an advocacy group for women, and P.E.O., an international women's philanthropic educational organization. I am also a member of and have been an elder for Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grants Pass.

As a librarian I came in contact with a broad cross section of society. As a public school teacher of both middle school age students and high school age girls from troubled backgrounds, I was sometimes called upon to assess not only the achievements of my students, but also make recommendations for counseling, etc, based on my observations of their behavior and their interactions with their peers and /or parents.

Mr. Dev is my nephew by marriage. I first met him about a year before he married my niece Peggy (Margaret) Dev. He has been a guest in my home in Oregon on at least two occasions that I can recall, and I in his. I have also visited with him several times at various family functions in California.

Mr. Dev has impressed me as being highly considerate of others, a very caring husband and father, and extremely responsible. He also seems to strive very hard to live by the customs and moral code of the Nepali culture and takes great pride in upholding family honor. Consequently, he has tried to keep his head up during this whole ordeal. Nevertheless, I have seen the pain and suffering in his eyes that the accusations of sex abuse by his adopted daughter has caused him. His conviction was a devastating blow. Not only to Ajay, but his entire extended family as well.

I, personally, was shocked by the accusations made by [REDACTED]. When she, Ajay, and Peggy spent the better part of a weekend at my home during a family reunion, [REDACTED] beamed with happiness and affection for her adopted parents; especially, Ajay. She also seemed not

only happy, but full of self confidence and pride when I took her, a girlfriend, Peggy and my sister, Beverly, out for breakfast one morning when I was visiting my sister. I saw nothing in [REDACTED]'s behavior that triggered red flags, or indicated that she might be suffering abuse of any kind at home.

Finally, I am hoping that when imposing a sentence on Ajay, Your Honor will consider the "she said-he said" nature of this case, the grief and financial hardship it has already caused the defendant and his family, the respect of the Nepali community, and the loss to the State of California of the fruit of a gifted and productive mind. If nothing else, I hope that you will take into consideration the exorbitant amount of much needed tax-payer dollars that would be wasted incarcerating him if Mr. Dev were to receive an excessively long sentence.

In short, I'm praying that you will consider leniency for Mr. Dev.

Sincerely yours,

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