The Honorable Boris Lasker
United States District Court
Southern District
New York, New York 10004

Dear Judge Lasker:

I have for 25 years served the legal community as President of our Detroit Bar Association and later of our Bar Foundation, and for ten years as a State Bar Commissioner. Many times I have been asked to speak for others. This is the only individual I have offered to share my thoughts about ... Ivan Boesky.

The deeds that brought him to your court cannot, unfortunate as they are, must not detract from his ability as an attorney, his generosity as a community leader, his love, compassion and understanding as a son, brother, husband and father.

In the 40-plus years I have known Ivan, from kindergarten to law school, back in the '50's, to visiting at one another's homes, he has always been equally kind and respectful of others. He has a knowledge of the law and financial world which could only come from a person of hard work, industry and ambition. He too had a dream. Judge Lasker, now he is filled with remorse, regret and embarrassment for his family, friends and colleagues because he admitted his guilt, has been scorned in the media and ostracized in the community.

I write not so it will result in additional humiliation for him ... not at the expense of his human dignity ... but as a friend who has broken bread with him, as one who has played an enjoyable round of golf, man to man, meeting the challenge of our own handicaps against the course and each other, as a friend who knows of his pride in the fine family he and Seema have reared, and the accomplishments of their wonderful children.

I write because after all the vilification of the media is spewed out, after all those who disdain him with their own prejudice and hence injustice, after all is said of "the crime" he has acknowledged
your independent judiciousness by granting him a probation of your own discretion.

With sincere respect,

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