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The Honorable Reggie B. Walton  
United States District Court District of Columbia

Dear Judge Walton:

I am writing to provide you with a character reference for Felipe Sixto. Felipe is my brother-in-law. I am married to his sister and have known him for over 17 years. I am a physician and a business owner in Miami, Fl. I came to the United States with my family from Cuba in 1980. I would like to attest to Felipe's dedication to his family and friends as well as his community involvement. Felipe has always been a dependable, courteous and a hard working man for as long as I have known him. Although, his studies and later employment demanded much from him, he always found time to care for his family. Whether it was cooking dinner, coaching soccer, leading a Boy Scout pack or taking his wife to the hospital, Felipe always had a smile on. Felipe cherishes his family and uses them as his motivation throughout life.

Coming from Cuba as a teenager, I vividly remember the hardship that my family and I endured at the hands of the Castro regime. I remember not having medicine, food or clothes. Every time we would get assistance it would be a blessing. Since the time that Felipe was in college, he has been driven to help the people of Cuba. He traveled to Cuba on two occasions taking clothes, food, and medicine to donate. While he was working at the Center for a Free Cuba, he constantly found pledges of support for donations. On a number of occasions he was able to collect thousands of dollars worth of medical supplies for the people of Cuba. Felipe also took on the case of three young men who were executed by the Cuban regime. He testified before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and spent countless hours preparing legal documents all pro bono.

In his community, he has been a Cub Scout leader for over 6 years, a soccer coach, and even organized food drives. Now during a difficult period in his life, he has chosen to continue helping his community by volunteering at Habitat for Humanity, serving as a Boy Scout leader, and coaching a Track and Field team at a local school.

It is unfortunate to see a young man with such potential and willingness to serve others in this situation. Felipe has made grave mistakes, but he has made restitution and has expressed his remorse. Felipe is an honorable and trustworthy man. I trust him not only with sensitive information at my office while he is fixing computers but more importantly with my children. I know that Felipe has learned a difficult lesson. I also know that he will reemerge from this situation a stronger more motivated man. I implore you to be lenient for Felipe, his family, and for all the people that he helps on a daily basis.

Respectfully,



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