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Honorable Judge Elsenheimer
Traverse City, MI 49684

RE: Karl A. Hartman

Dear Honorable Elsenheimer:

My name is Katrina Schueller. I have been married to my husband Michael Schueller for 22 years [REDACTED]. We are both actively involved in the Kingsley School System, Athletics Program and are members of the Tabernacle Church in Buckley, Michigan. I have volunteered in the Kingsley School system since 2008.

I have known Karl for over thirty years. Having grown up in Kingsley and living there my entire life, I have nothing but positive memories of Karl. When my children were of age to begin school at Kingsley Elementary, I was excited and comforted knowing they would be under the immediate supervision of Karl as their Principal. I had several nieces and nephews who also had the privilege of Karl Hartman as their Principal. My youngest son, Carter, had speech issues going into school and has always been a very shy young man. Karl took Carter under his wing and became someone he looked up to and respected. He was a huge asset in bringing Carter out of his shell.

Volunteering at Kingsley Elementary School and Kingsley Middle School, I spent countless hours with Karl and have never witnessed anything inappropriate between Karl and any student. Karl has every child's best interest in mind and has always treated them as if they were his own family, wanting them to succeed.

Karl is an amazing Father to his son, John. Karl is an amazing ex-spouse to Caroline. It speaks volumes to his character, having maintained a respectful and amicable relationship with Caroline since their divorce so many years prior and having been able to maintain that relationship professionally at school as well. Karl is an amazing friend to so many people in this community and we consider him to be family. Karl spent Christmas Eve 2018 with my entire family and none of us would ever hesitate to leave Karl with any of our children.

I respectfully ask you to provide leniency to Karl in his sentencing. Karl is an honorable man who loves his family, loves his friends, loves his community and it is my opinion, that Karl has so much good to offer so many people upon his release. The world needs more leaders and influential people like Karl.

Not a day goes by that we don't continue to pray for Karl and for his accusers, but my family will continue to proudly stand beside our friend and support him.

Sincerely,



Katrina Schueller