

Neal A. McCaleb

April 26, 2007

Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle  
United States District Court for the District of Columbia  
c/o Barry M. Hartman  
K&L Gates  
1601 K Street NW  
Washington, DC 20006

Re: J. Steven Griles

Dear Judge Huvelle:

My Name is Neal McCaleb . I am writing in support of Steve Griles, Who is to be sentenced before you on June 26,2007. I am writing to urge your consideration of leniency for Steve in view of his long and faithful service to the United States government in various capacities.

I have known Steve since July of 2001 when we were both sworn in to service of the Department of Interior. He in the capacity of Deputy Secretary and myself as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. I had the privilege to work closely with and report to Steve on all matters relative to my responsibilities to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. During the one and one half years that I served as Assistant Secretary I observed that he was dedicated to the point of self sacrifice to his responsibilities and was particularly helpful to me in circumstances relating to Tribal development and water issues. We traveled through

out Indian Country in late '01 and through August of '02 meeting and consulting with Tribal Leaders on the reorganization of the BIA Trust responsibilities pursuant acts of Congress mandating reform in this area and the concerns of Indian leaders about the protection Trust accounts and land issues. Steve made many Native American friends under very challenging circumstances by his open and forthcoming nature on these issues.

I developed a personal friendship with Steve and genuine appreciation for his commitment to public service and to Indian interests in particular. He was and is a loyal friend in whom I have great confidence and trust.

I therefore respectfully request your consideration of leniency for him in this particular and isolated incident.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neal A. McCaleb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Neal A. McCaleb