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Hon. Amet P. Mehta
United States District Judge
Washington, DC

Dear Honorable Judge Amet P. Mehta:

I am Kelli Sue Morgan, a Training Resources Specialist in the technology industry. I am Jorge Riley's long-time partner and the mother to our one-year-old daughter, Reagan. I write today on behalf of our family to respectfully request that Jorge receive a mitigated probation sentence.

Please allow me to provide background on my relationship with Jorge. We met through a mutual friend in the fall of 2020. I immediately noticed his friendly demeanor and how he effortlessly brought a smile to everyone who interacted with him. It was cold that night, and Jorge handed me his coat without me asking for it, and he urged me to wear his jacket all evening. He has always been a gentleman, and I have seen him display genuine courtesy to many people.

Two years ago, we encountered a car accident on the freeway. While other cars passed and ogled the wreck, Jorge asked me to go forward and stop at the accident. He jumped out of the car to administer first aid to several people in different vehicles. He didn't hesitate to use his medical training and caught one woman who fainted before she hit the ground. More recently, we were seated on a restaurant patio where two workers rushed out due to a small fire at the restaurant perimeter. Jorge jumped up to help them pull a hose out and stood alert until the fire was out. He is quick to ensure people are free from danger, and many times, I have noticed he is the only person who acts when others do not.

Over the past couple of years, I have grown to know Jorge closely. We attended church together and became better friends. I have always had a tremendous respect for his resilience and the desire to improve his life, despite the setbacks he experienced from when he was a young child until now. I have deep gratitude for the eight years of military service he fulfilled and endured in the U.S. Army. I see firsthand daily how his military career left him with permanent physical disabilities. Nevertheless, he still puts others before himself, especially his family and friends.

Jorge is a good man, devoted to his country and committed to protecting those he loves. I visited Jorge the day before he left for Washington, D.C., and encouraged him to be safe. I don't think anyone was ready for what would transpire on January 6th. I knew he felt passionate about his reasons for supporting Donald Trump. Jorge has always been steadfast in his beliefs; he is always truthful with his views, even when those views may not be popular. I genuinely feel that Jorge's loyalty to our country and our President at the time was the driving force behind his trip.

Jorge was not violent in his actions; he recounted his experience joining hands with other fellow demonstrators while praying in various rooms in the U.S. Capitol. Jorge described how he helped protect two women in danger of being trampled in a crowded room. Jorge sheltered them using his physical stature, and even though he is disabled, it's typical of him to use his strength to protect those weaker than him.

Since Jorge and I have been together, I have seen a positive change in his personal growth and life trajectory. Our daughter was born in May 2022. Before her birth, he spent months impeccably painting her bedroom, building her crib, cleaning the carpet, and stocking up on diapers to prepare - all while recovering from wrist surgery. We have worked hard to create a loving home for our family. Now that Jorge is nearing sentencing, I am very concerned that I will be left alone to care for our family. I have been able to resume work since our daughter's birth, and I attribute that to the direct help of Jorge - he cares for her so I can provide for the family, my two children from a previous marriage, whom I am primarily raising.

If Jorge is not present at home, it will tremendously burden us. He creates structure and discipline, and his absence will leave a negative emotional and psychological impact on us. Our daughter is very attached to her father and is accustomed to the routine of Jorge watching her while I work. I fear our daughter will forget who Jorge is if he goes to prison. Imagining the thought of her not remembering her dad causes me great sadness. She bonds with her father daily and is most comfortable in Jorge's arms. If Jorge is imprisoned, our daughter must attend daycare, and childcare expenses will create a substantial financial burden for me.

I rely on Jorge for domestic, emotional, and financial support. If Jorge receives a prison sentence, it will result in a substantial loss of half our income. He receives disability from his service in the U.S. Army, and he helps to fill in the gaps with my other financial obligations, which otherwise I would struggle to afford. Unfortunately, I do not have any family or close friends near me who can assist the way Jorge does. He has always taken a hands-on approach as a father, and he is a partner and protector whom I trust and rely on in many ways.

It is not my intention to excuse Jorge's actions. Jorge accepts the charges brought against him, and he understands the repercussions of his choices. He will carry this with him for the rest of his life, and in a way, as his partner, so will I; I do not believe he deserves to serve time in prison because his actions were not violent, and as I mentioned earlier in this letter, Jorge is a good man. His sentence will directly impact my and my children's lives; therefore, I am writing this letter on our behalf.

Please consider issuing Jorge a mitigated probation sentence. Regardless of the outcome, I respect your decision and am grateful for your time, attention, and fair application of the law in Jorge's case. Thank you for your consideration, and I appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,

Kelli Sue Morgan

