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June 21, 2002  
Woodham, N.Y.

Dear Honorable Judge John F. Kazanewsky,

I'm writing to you on behalf of my close friend, Michael Skakel.

I'm respectfully submitting a request that you consider leniency while determining his sentence. I'm doing this because — motivated by my personal experiences regarding Michael — I feel that, unbeknown to most people, his extended incarceration will deprive society at large of a precious source of sorely-needed kindness.

I am a first-hand witness to the many acts of random kindness Michael has extended to friends and strangers alike, three of which specifically stand out in my mind as typifying Michael's benevolent nature, which I would like herewith to relate to you.

I'm a certified American Montessori teacher, and while living in Hole Sound, Florida in October 1999, Michael asked me if I would babysit his son George who was at that time ten months old. In those days Michael usually minded the baby himself while his wife at the time Margot, was attending all-day classes, 6 days a week, for her 9-month certification at

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the massage school an hour's drive away in Lake Worth. Michael did all the daily housecleaning, cooking and grocery shopping during this 9-month period in addition to raising the baby, except on Sundays when Margot would take the baby to the nearby seaside from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I'd like to add that he kept the household in very good order which I witnessed first-hand as my husband and I lived with him for a couple of months and then lived next door during this time.

On this particular day I'm writing about, when he asked me if I would mind the baby while he ran an errand, he also asked me if I knew what was required for roofing repair. I said I wasn't sure - neither was he, but we came up with some sort of an adequate supply list, albeit an amateur one.

He came home later that day covered in tar that day and for 10 days thereafter. I asked him what was going on and he wouldn't say just then. But later that week I was running an errand myself outside the gated community of Sobolby while the baby slept and my husband babysat.

I was coming back through an impoverished section and saw Michael

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Kneeling on the roof of a broken down cement-block house, smearing pitch and tar and replacing roof shingles. I stopped, rolled down my window and from the air-conditioned interior of the car called out to him. It was 95° on that particular day - sweltering. Michael waved back and the small elderly black woman who lived there waved and smiled at me as well.

When Michael returned to Loblolly later that day he asked me if I knew how to remove tar from tennis sneakers. I remembered peanut butter, and asked him what he had been doing in that area of town up on that poor woman's roof as we cleaned his shoes.

He finally told me that he had often visited with this kind lady - Ollie was her name - bringing her groceries, etc. One day he visited her during a torrential downpour, and because it was raining she invited him in, and he entered - something he had never done before because he was respectful of her privacy and had always sat out in the front yard with her.

As he entered her living room he realized she had a gaping hole in

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the roof and sides of her simple house through which the rain was pouring as it must've done countless times before. After he had come home that day and asked me to baluyit for a few hours, he had gone out + brought the necessary materials to fix her roof and wall himself, although he had no knowledge of roof repair and no income at the time. Mind you, he only had an allowance from his family as he was under a Grand Jury investigation and no one would give him gainful employment. The maintenance staff at Soblolly of whom Michael was fond, told me that Michael had approached them seeking advice on how to repair structurally a hole in a roof. They were mildly amused but more than willing to advise him since Michael had extended many kindnesses to them and they were fond of him as well.

Ollie, I came to know, was a sweet-tempered and kind woman - not one to complain. I learned later she had been a former house-keeper for Michael's father, Rushton, at Soblolly and that Michael had continued to look in on her from time to time after she'd left his father's employ. Although she was

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frail and elderly by this time, she was as astute as ever. This woman, <sup>10</sup> soft-spoken and kind, dignified and modest in demeanor and needs.

Michael - who had been away from Sobloley for a while since he'd seen her last - said it had upset him to see this good woman living <sup>under</sup> the destitute circumstances he'd found her in, barely  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile or so from the gates of Sobloley where his colleagues lived in such opulence and knew Ollie as a housekeeper for the residents there in her former days.

All I could think of was that this was my friend Michael, who had all he could handle dealing with raising a baby with the help of an absentee wife, and under the stress and strain of living under the shadowy outcome of a Grand Jury investigation. Yet, unmasked - he took the time to see to it that Ollie, his friend, was living more comfortably. He did this in the blistering Florida heat while the rest of his colleagues were playing tennis and golf barely  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile away.

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Only Michael Skakel would have done a thing like that. And he wouldn't've told me about it if I hadn't passed Ollie's house that day in October and stopped the car to say hello.

Later I stopped by for a visit with Ollie myself, and when I told her I was a friend of Michael's she welcomed me although white people were looked on suspiciously in this neighborhood, she asked me to stay and visit with her. "I love him," she told me, speaking of Michael "... he's such a good boy." I took a photograph of her house for a painting I wanted to do. I still have this photo.

Michael had asked me not to speak of what I had seen. He felt that the people at Soboloff might make fun of Ollie's circumstances and make fun of himself. I've always respected his wishes, but now I feel I should convey these things to you. It seems important that you know something about Michael's good nature. I think he'll forgive me for this breach of confidence under these present circumstances.

I was witness to another experience that describes Michael's kindness.

A little more than a year later than the preceding incident in November of 2000,

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we were living in Windham, NY. and became close friends with Jack Lenchner through our mutual friend and landlady, Carol Beck - also of Windham. Jack called us to ask if we could drive him to the Albany airport as he was leaving on an extended trip to India. Jack is a modest man in his late 60's who makes his living from hand-to-mouth as an independent cameraman.

When we mentioned to Michael that we would be making this 2½ hr. round trip to Albany, he immediately volunteered himself to take Jack - a total stranger - as he said he had to make a grocery trip to Albany anyway and would just move it up a day or two to save us an extra trip to Albany.

Jack told us afterward that not only did Michael and he have wonderful conversations during their ride together about God's important interventions in their lives, but Michael had been kind enough to take care of all of Jack's baggage handling needs, smoothing the otherwise harrowing boarding process for him.

He told us that as he was thanking Michael for all of his unmerited kindness and saying good-bye, Michael slipped some money into Jack's pocket and said, "I feel that God

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is telling me to give you this as a blessing on your trip and our time spent together. — please accept it in that light."

Jack said later after boarding the plane he counted the money Michael had given him and it came to \$200 — the exact amount Jack had been praying to God for the night before as he had realized he was going to be \$200 short for his travel expenses once he touched down in India.

The third experience involving Michael's natural and spontaneous kindness has to do with a conversation I had later in November 2000 with our good friend and landlady at that time, Carol Beck, who I mentioned earlier.

Carol is a child's advocate at the United Nations and her daughter is the District Attorney for one of the Hamptons. She told me that the strangest coincidence occurred during a phone conversation with Louise Dawson, her dear friend, whose daughter is also a District Attorney. Louise, while relating to Carol her latest experiences since they had last spoken to each other, told Carol she had been vacationing down in Hole Sound in Florida at Solbolly — a gated community that has a boardwalk built up on stilts over the jungle-like mangrove swamp which is inhabited by snakes —

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some of which are poisonous, and occasionally by alligators.

Louise said one day while taking a walk on the boardwalk she lost her footing and accidentally fell off the boardwalk and found herself 5-6 feet below the walkway into the swamp itself—she was frightened and hurt (there are sharp spikes—shoots growing out of the swamp bottom throughout the jungle and she had cut herself.) There had been no one about but she called out for help several times and suddenly there appeared over her head a young man who looked more like an angel from her vantage point.

He leaned down and told her not to worry that he would get her out. Louise said she protested saying that he would never get her out, that she was too heavy and would be please go and get some help.

The gentleman got down on his knees and from the boardwalk encircled his arms under hers. All he said to her in a quiet and reassuring voice was, "Just stay calm and trust me. I'll get you out there." Louise said as if by magic that young man lifted her gently up in the air and set her down on the

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boardwalk - how she'll never know.

He sat her down on the nearby bench and checked her bleeding wound. He went to his condo, came back with a first aid kit and dressed her cuts. He told her she needed to be examined in an E.R. She asked him "Are you a doctor, too"? He laughed and told her no, but that he had a lot of experience in helping people who had accidents. He said he used to be on a speed-skiing team where they only had each other to rely on when they got hurt on some of those remote mountain peaks in distant lands.

Louise thanked him when he took her home. She asked his name as he left her and he told her quietly, "Michael Skakel."

In relaying this conversation, Carol told me she had said to Louise, "I know Michael Skakel. He has a kind nature. I've known him since he was a child -" she told Louise he now lived across the street from her right there in Windham.

Louise at this point said "Oh, Carol - I've heard the awful things they're accusing Michael of. I know that young man couldn't've done these things. He helps people he doesn't hurt them. He saved me."

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After my conversation with Carol Beck I went over to Michael's house and told him about Carol's phone call from Louise Dawson. I inquired further about the incident, since I was curious about the coincidences of a stranger to Michael being long-time friends with Carol.

Michael recalled he had been out on his deck enjoying a cigar toward evening when he heard this soft cry for help in the quiet of the swamp. He said this woman had evidently fallen off the boardwalk and when he found her she was skeptical of him being able to help her. He said he lifted her with ease surprising even himself—"I asked God for strength—he must've heard me," he added. He said she had some bad cuts which he dressed but he knew she'd have to get medical attention.

Michael said he never knew her name and he laughed softly as he remembered, "She thought I was a doctor!"

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The three experiences I've related to you in this letter describe Michael's spontaneous expressions of kindness - the first being toward an old friend, Ollie while the second and third were directed toward complete strangers, Jack and Louise. I would like to briefly tell you about a few more situations that I was reminded of while writing this letter that stand out in my mind as being characteristic of his goodness.

1) While driving on the Merritt Parkway in Connecticut Michael found a woman's purse and turned it in to the State Police there. The officer who handled the situation was in disbelief that anyone would be honest enough to actually turn in a purse with the contents intact, and asked Michael his name. Michael said he preferred to remain anonymous and started to leave. The officer however pursued the matter, insisting that he would have to fill out a police report anyway and that the owner of the purse would undoubtedly wish to thank him. He reluctantly told the officer, "my name is Michael Skakel."

2) In early May of 2006 my husband got a phone call from Michael. He was in the West Palm Beach bus terminal. After talking business for a few minutes Al asked him what he was doing in a bus terminal. Michael said while he'd been driving in the West Palm area he stopped under an overpass by what he

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thought to see a man in distress. Getting out of his car and approaching the man he asked him if he was all right. The man wasn't hurt, but he had been sleeping nights in the streets.

Michael brought him to a diner + ordered him a meal. The man - a black man in his late 30's told Michael he was trying to get work to buy a bus ticket to go home to his family in Georgia. Michael told this man that he had been in AA for 17 years (at that time) and he had been through many rough spots himself. And what he had learned, he told him, is that sometimes a little help from an unexpected source is all you need to get you over what seems like an impossible hurdle, and then God does the rest.

Michael then asked the man would he accept a little help. The man agreed, and Michael drove him to the bus station; bought him a ticket to Georgia and gave him some money. The man boarded the bus and went to Georgia.

About a month later I found the thank-you card from this man - post-marked Georgia - on Michael's dining room hutch while watering his plants one day. There are a lot of thank-you cards in his hutch from all kinds of people.

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3) I found another thank-you card postmarked West Point around March 2001.

One day in March we received a phone call from Michael in West Point. (He called us often as my husband served in the capacity much like an AA sponsor would to Michael, and he would call in times of stress, anxiety or when unexpected events would occur.)

Michael had been traveling that day from Windham to Greenwich (because of the preliminary hearing following the findings of the Grand Jury investigation). He drove past a pulled-over van on the Merritt Parkway and out of the corner of his eyes he saw a family by the side of the van that included several children. He thought <sup>someone</sup> would surely stop and help them with children involved.

He drove on a couple miles further when he said the thought of those children so close to the road bothered him. He made a turn and went back, while thinking someone probably had stopped to help them by now. Returning to the break-down spot he saw the family still standing there. He stopped and asked how he could help. The father asked Michael if he would drive his wife and children to safety. Michael responded by saying he would drive them all to their destination if the father would tell him where to go.

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Michael got their broken van squared away and drove them all safely to their doorstep, which happened to be in West Point. The father is the phys. ed. instructor to the cadet students there.

During the ride home the father told Michael that they had been standing by the side of the Merritt Parkway for 45 minutes and not one car on the busy road had stopped. Not one person had inquired if they needed help. They had begun to pray as a family asking God to send someone to help them—and God sent Michael.

The father visited Michael stay + he their guest on campus. He showed him the phys. ed. department and gave him a tour of West Point. When they parted he asked Michael his last name. Michael replied that he didn't want any thanks, just to pass on the favor to someone else in need. But the gentleman pressed him for his address at least, for his wife's peace of mind.

I read the thank-you card this gentleman and his wife sent to Michael which I found while straightening up Michael's kitchen counter in April 2001. (I often helped him around the house and grounds as he was by this time virtually a single parent.)

I asked him to tell me again about the incident which he did, adding that he was

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going to accept the invitation the family made to visit with them again. He was looking forward to using the gym at West Point.

It was on this 2nd visit that the father of the family told Michael he realized who he was, as he had followed the Grand Jury proceedings with the investigation. This man asked Michael to promise that if there was anything he could do to help him in the future to please let him know. He and his wife and their children were devout Christians and they were looking for a way to repay him for his stranger's kindness.

The things I've written here testify to Michael's generous nature, but the part of Michael that stands out in my mind most vividly when I contemplate the good things about him is his love for his 3 year-old son, Georgie.

One day I was at their house when Michael was trying to swat a bothersome fly. Georgie, watching him, began to cry and sobbed, "Dad - please don't hurt that fly - he's my friend." Michael stopped mid-air - he was startled by George's reaction, as was I: Georgie was trembling with emotion. Michael immediately dropped to his knees and took George in his arms.

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Comforting this child he said, "It's all right, George, I won't hurt that fly. Let's catch him together with a nice cup and help him get outside where he'll be much happier with his other friends." His son stopped crying and together, father + son, they set that little fly free.

George has a deep and abiding love for his father. I've seen that little boy through some tough situations for a child of any age. I've seen him sobbing uncontrollably, literally curled up in a fetal position, retreating as far as possible under the shrubbery at Michael's house when his visitation time with his father had come to an end. Judge, this was the last time I saw Georgie, as the jury verdict came down that week, and George's father never returned to Wridham.

He sobbed that last day, crying "Daddy, I don't want to leave you - please daddy - don't let me go." Michael's two brothers, David and Stephen, my husband Al and I, and Michael were all standing there helpless. Michael said softly to George, "It'll be all right, sweetheart. I'll see you soon."

I wonder to this day if Georgie knew something the rest of us didn't.

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Father Doyle, our pastor here who's known Michael since he was a child, told me it's utterly unbearable for him to listen to Georgie's cries for help when it's time for him to leave his father. The visitation exchange takes place in St. Theresa's parking lot next to the rectory. He told me he hears the child sobbing convulsively each week when the visitation occurs, <sup>he hears it</sup> through the open windows of his office. He said he screams the same thing over and over, "Daddy - please, don't leave me!"

I know he loves his mother very much, but it's always been an extreme trauma for him to be separated from his father.

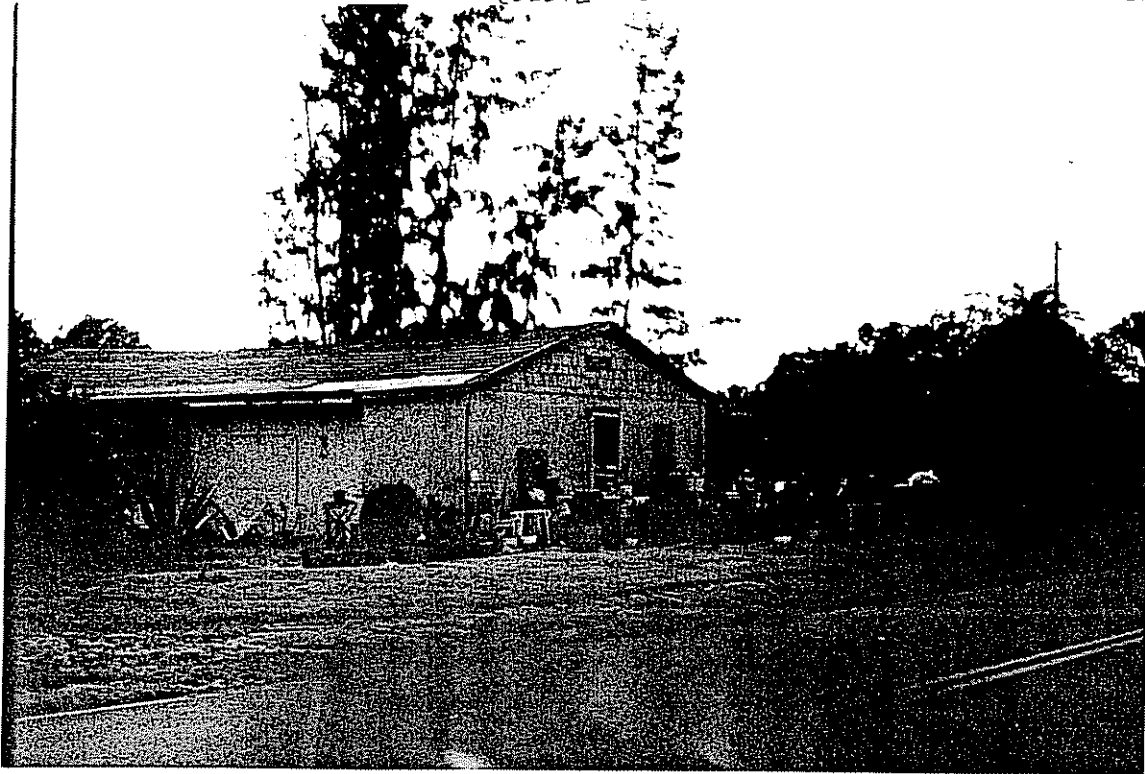
With all the traumatic events that have happened in the past and recent present, his separation from his son is the hardest to abide with.

I hope in some small way I've been able to impart to you why I feel so strongly about requesting leniency while you consider Michael's sentence. He is a good man and the world needs him.

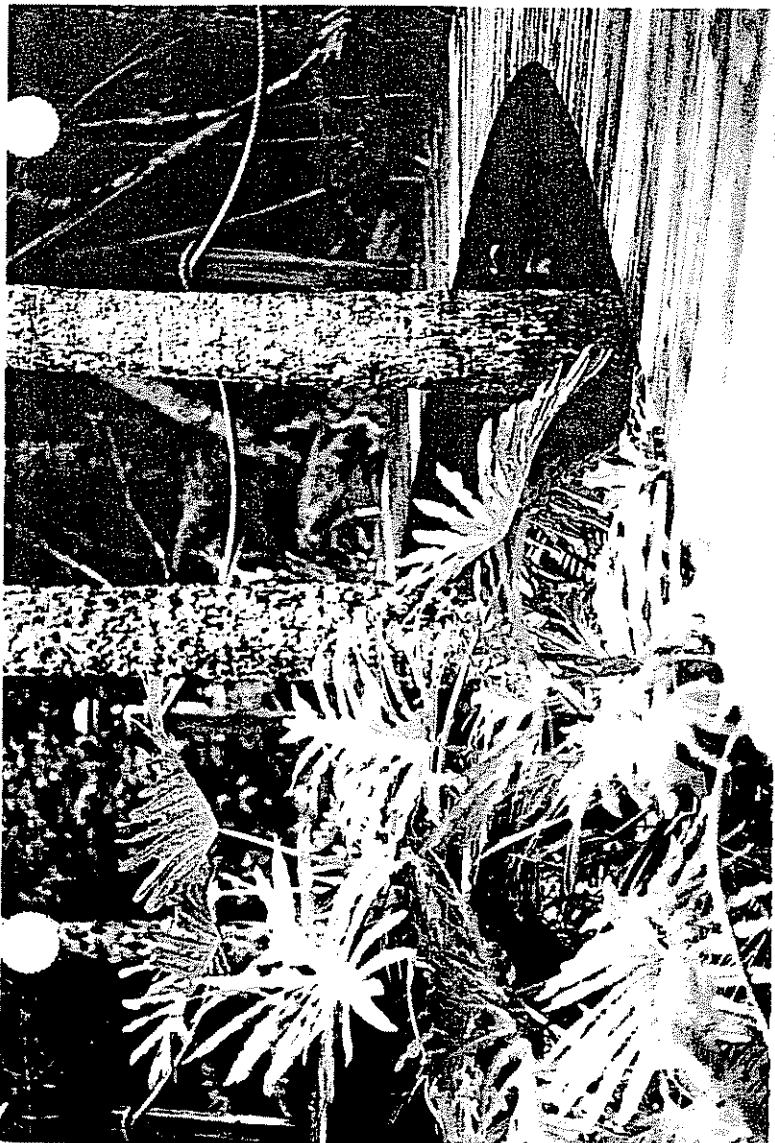
Respectfully Yours,  
 Suzanne M. Walsh  
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OLLIE'S HOUSE IN HOBE SOUND SHOWING MICHAEL'S REPAIRS  
(OLLIE IS SITTING AT FAR RIGHT CORNER OF  
THE HOUSE)



THIS IS THE BOARDWALK IN LOBLOLLY NEAR WHERE MICHAEL HAD FOUND HER.



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*MICHAEL AND HIS SON, GEORGE*

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June 20, 2002

Dear Judge Kavenawsky,

As the 63 year old mother of 2 attorneys (one an ADA) who has known Michael Shabel for twenty years, I felt compelled to write to you on his behalf. What ever happened 27 yrs. ago I don't know but the Michael I know is not the one portrayed by the media. When Michael and his former wife Margot separated, I was the liaison between them with the exchange of the baby. So twice each week last year, I would be at Michael's home for a 1/2 hr. or so and I observed that little George only wanted to be with his Dad and would beg and plead not to be taken by his mother. It was heartbreaking to watch each week (for 1 year but to see the devotion of Michael to his

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son was outstanding as he tried to ease the transition each and every week. The bond of love between these two souls is extraordinary.

Michael Skobel is perhaps the most kind-hearted and generous of individuals with his time and help fullness. If I, for instance, mentioned that I needed to drain my pond that day, without asking, Michael would be over with his pump, set it up & go! Last year, the mother of my daughter's close friend Laura Mahoney, fell on a boardwalk in Lake Sand, Fla (out of season with no one around) when along came what she described as the sweetest of men who picked her up, carried her home, bandaged her ankle, made her tea and calmed her until her husband arrived. It was only later that the girls realized that this was our family

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close friend Michael Shabel. This is  
the Michael that we all know.

Our family pleads with you, Judge  
Karenowsky, for a less severe sentence  
for this caring and devoted father and  
friend.

Sincerely,

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## Shannon Shay Hayden

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The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
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Re: Michael Skakel

Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

I would like to tell you about a Michael Skakel that few people know.

In 1984, I had resigned myself to the fact that my older brother was going to die. Strung out on drugs and alcohol, he had just left the volunteer rehab facility my family had worked so hard to get him into. We had done everything we thought we could. And I believe he would have died if Michael had not offered his help.

Michael and I met a year earlier and had kept in touch on and off throughout my sophomore year at Smith College. When I told him about my brother, he offered to help immediately. Even though we were nothing more than friendly acquaintances, he began to help my family out with such energy and enthusiasm; you would have thought it was his own brother who was in trouble.

Michael provided my parents and me with guidance and support and encouraged us to be strong. He furnished my parents with information about alcohol/drug re-habilitation facilities and was there to meet my brother when his plane landed in Minnesota for him to enter treatment. He would also meet my parents at the airport when they traveled to attend family week (an emotionally exhausting and intense week of group therapy for family and significant others of people in treatment). I truly believe that without Michael's help my brother would not be alive today.

That Christmas during the sermon at mass, the priest asked those present to reflect on the past year and think of someone in their life that embodied the teachings of Jesus Christ. I thought of Michael – my friend who cared for my brother in spite of his self-destructive behavior, my friend who took the time to support and guide a family whom he, up to that point, had not known well.

As life went on, Michael and I lost touch with one another. Then, in a very sad turn of events, five years ago -- after more than 10 years of sobriety -- I discovered that my brother, who Michael had helped back in 1984, had had a relapse. It was a stunning disappointment to my family and me. My brother had since gotten married and his wife was pregnant with their third child. Upon hearing the news, I immediately contacted Michael. And although we had not been in close contact over the past several years and his life was quite full – he was there for my family and me once again. He spent hours on the phone, counseling my sister-in-law, talking things through with my parents and me. He even drove more than two hours each way on two different occasions to visit my brother in the hospital and encourage him to consider a residential rehabilitation program.

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I do not pretend to know everything about Michael Skakel. I do know that when my family and I needed him the most he was there for us, without regard to the sacrifices he had to make in his life to do so. And he did this not once, but twice.

I write this letter so that you will know that Michael used these last twenty years well, helping others with no regard to personal sacrifice. He touched my family in an amazing way for which I will forever be grateful.

Sincerely,

  
Shannon Shay Hayden

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You may be curious about my background. I am a 37 year-old mother of three (a daughter who is 7; and two boys, 4 and 5). I am a 1986 graduate of Smith College in Northampton, MA and a 1993 graduate of Boston College Law School. I am a member of the Massachusetts State Bar Association but have not practiced law since 1994.

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The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
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August 19, 2002

Dear Honorable Judge Kavanewsky:

I have known Michael Skakel since May of 1994. I met him while he was working for Ted Kennedy's re-election campaign in Massachusetts. I was the Personal Manager of the internationally known rock group; Aerosmith at that time and our organization was working closely with the Kennedy campaign effort. As a Personal Manager for a famous rock group, my job was the equivalent of being the Chief Executive Officer of their company.

My interactions with Micheal during the campaign included such work as setting up a fundraiser for Ted at the home of Aerosmith's Guitarist, Brad Whitford and coordinating all the details that were involved. Micheal managed to persuade other members of the Kennedy family to come to the fundraiser even though several of them did not want to attend. He also was instrumental in getting Senator Kennedy to adapt his usual speech to one that was a little more relevant to an audience that would attend a rock star's fundraiser for a liberal senator. It was difficult to meld the cultures of the Kennedy family and Aerosmith, as both wanted to run the show but Michael managed to build a bridge between the two diverse cultures, a famous rock group who always got their way, was politically naive and impatient and an old line Boston political family who mirrored them in many ways.

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I recall his response time and professionalism to be excellent. When he was asked to do anything he was incredibly responsive, always returning calls quickly which was something the Senator's entourage was not known for. Often, Michael had to deliver bad news and he handled that in an incredibly charming and effective way. Whenever he spoke his word was his bond. Never once did he let us down.

I got to know Michael personally over a period of several months following the fundraiser. During this period, I got to connect with Michael on another level. As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, I found that we both had a common passion, recovery from drug and alcohol addiction on a spiritual basis. We bonded over this issue and became involved in some mutual twelve-step endeavors.

A twelfth step is when two members of Alcoholics Anonymous join together to bring the message of Alcoholic Anonymous to a newcomer or someone who is considering joining Alcoholics Anonymous. Michael's willingness to do this on a moments notice (most of these twelve-step calls are "emergencies", that is the opportunity comes when the alcoholic gets himself in a predicament with the law, hospitals, family trauma, etc. and requires a quick response.) and his ability to connect deeply with wide and varied types of people made him a skilled interventionist. He was instrumental in helping several people change their lives in a profound way by surrendering their alcohol compulsion through the Alcoholics Anonymous way of life.

During this period, I had no knowledge of Michael's past history. When the stories started to appear in the media, I witnessed Michael becoming even more active in his service work to the Alcoholics Anonymous community and especially to newcomers to the program.

Because of Michael's family connections, he was able to connect with several people who an ordinary member of Alcoholics Anonymous would never encounter. He was always willing to be of service with these people by sharing his Alcoholics Anonymous story and connecting them with Alcoholics Anonymous.

I recall a situation when Michael helped a young man (I will not mention names, as it is against the tradition of anonymity in Alcoholics Anonymous) whose wealthy family owns a famous restaurant chain and other food service businesses. Michael

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was able to get through the young man's sense of entitlement and denial of his alcoholism to help convince the young man to get into a rehabilitation center and get sober. Michael was instrumental in placing this person into a rehabilitation center by relating his own experiences and upbringing. This young man is still sober today. He is an outstanding member of his Alcoholics Anonymous and business communities and does a lot of work to help others get and stay sober.

Another example of Michael's excellent work as a skilled interventionist is the young man who was a drug and sex addict. This young man was suicidal and in a lot of pain when Michael began working with him. Michael was able to testify to him about his own struggles and inspire this young man to get serious help and to grow. This young man did get help and grew. In fact now, he is a successful businessman and is about to become a family man as well.

Michael and I attended the same men's annual twelve-step retreats beginning October 1998. During these retreats, I witnessed him sharing his story and knowledge of the twelve steps to others that were relatively new to the program. His gratitude for his own sobriety and willingness to share his knowledge of the Alcoholic Anonymous program were a great contribution to attendees at these retreats. Once again Michael went above and beyond the call of duty.

I witnessed the same type of gratitude and sharing on a trip to Russia in June 1997. A group of people went on this trip to support the work of the International Institute for Alcoholism Education. The focus of this trip was to meet with a diverse group of people in Russia ranging from Doctors to Musicians, in an effort to help provide better alcohol and addiction treatment to those in need of such services. I was assigned to meet with a Russian rock star; Michael ended up being really helpful to me with my assignment, as he had similar issues growing up with fame, money, power and entitlement. Michael was incredibly insightful and helpful in educating the rock star and his associates about treatment for addiction and living the Alcoholics Anonymous way of life.

During our trip to Russia, Michael was sober and in recovery, we traveled closely as a group due to security reasons. Michael spoke at numerous Alcoholic Anonymous meetings there. His speaking engagements seemed to have a great impact on those who attended, as everyone there had heard of the Kennedy family. The fact that Michael was the sober cousin of such a famous family gave hope to many that Alcoholism can happen to people from all types of families, as recovery can too.

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Michael and I got to know each other better during our trip to Russia. He spoke a lot to me about his life, what was being said in the media and the dysfunction he experienced in his family life as a relation to the Kennedy family. I have heard my share of stories from famous people, wealthy people, poor people, etc., but I found Michael's story to be incredibly overwhelming.

As I shared my story of recovery with Michael, I referred him to a therapist who was working with Anacapa by the Sea in Port Hueneme, California at the time. I suggested that Anacapa would be a good place for Michael to get help in dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and his underlying causes and conditions of his alcoholism, all of which rooted in his upbringing and his time at Elan School in Poland Springs Maine.

Michael made the choice to take his recovery to an even deeper level and go to Anna Kappa to focus on PTSD, family of origin issues and the underlying causes and conditions of his alcoholism. There was no indication that Michael had relapsed on alcohol or drugs at this or any other time. All indications seemed to suggest that he was getting to a deeper emotional level in recovery.

I would like you to know that the Alcoholics Anonymous community misses Michael Skakel greatly. I witnessed him doing great work. I know he must pay his debt to society, as any member of society must. I would like to urge you to consider the minimum sentence, so that Michael can return to his community where he can continue to make his outstanding and meaningful contributions.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely Yours



Timothy J. Collins

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June 17, 2002

Hon. John F. Kavanewsky, Jr.  
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Re: People v. Skakel

Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

I am writing with regard to the sentencing of Michael Skakel. I must first advise you that I was Mr. Skakel's matrimonial attorney. However, my work for Mr. Skakel has long since been completed and my bill long since paid. This letter was not solicited by my client, his family or his criminal defense attorney. I am writing because I believe that my dealings with Mr. Skakel provide relevant information pertaining to his character and to the issue of whether he presents a danger to society. To the extent that those issues are relevant to your considerations in assessing a sentence, I ask that you consider my letter.

I spent a fair amount of my time as a younger attorney engaged as both a criminal defense attorney and a special prosecutor. As a defense attorney, I often observed the overly deferential attitude that my clients affected in my presence. They did so because they believed that attitude would cause me to work more diligently to effect their release and/or acquittal. I have not experienced that type of deference over the past twelve to fifteen years in my practice as a matrimonial attorney. In fact, my matrimonial clients are overwhelmingly emotionally needy and ever ready to demand "value" for the monies they have expended in pursuing their family law matters. That value is usually defined in terms of my success in obtaining what the client wants, not what may be right for their children or fair in any overall sense.

Related to the attitude directed towards me by matrimonial clients is the ever present self serving, self justifying position taken by many matrimonial clients. I well understand that these attitudes and modes of conduct result from the emotional issues confronting these clients. Indeed, it is the rare client who is capable of placing the emotional needs of their children above their own when engaged in divorce litigation. My office very often is placed in the position of imploring, demanding, and/or begging our clients to consider the needs and future of their children when our clients insist upon specific results that may well have the effect of hurting their children.

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Michael Skakel presented as an often unique client in regard to the above issues. I cannot recall one instance when I had to ask Mr. Skakel to place his son's interests above his own in the context of setting strategy and objectives in his divorce litigation. Mr. Skakel's concerns, objectives, and strategy were always centered upon ensuring his son's safety, future, and emotional and physical health. Although Mr. Skakel and his ex wife disagreed on many issues, Mr. Skakel did not ask me to pursue retribution or vindication towards his son's mother. He asked for a concerted effort towards one end - ensuring his son's well being.

Mr. Skakel was not a client who demanded or dictated. Rather, he was more often grateful for the efforts expended by my staff on his behalf and capable of understanding that other clients might need our time and services on a given day, thus requiring that he wait for the attention that his matter needed.

In assessing his matrimonial matter and the issues that had to be explored, Mr. Skakel was always forthcoming with information that we needed to adequately pursue his case. Again, that is at variance with what my office often confronts. Many clients, including those who consider themselves of importance, or who wield power and influence, cannot be bothered with complying with our requests for information. More problematically, many of those same clients believe they are smarter than the attorneys and judge. They set up their own strategy, which often includes secreting information or playing games with disclosing data or information. We did not experience any such behavior with Mr. Skakel.

Mr. Skakel's overall attitude regarding the above issues earned him the respect of my staff. That is and was no small feat. My office is engaged primarily in matrimonial litigation and my staff is often the front line for emotional outbursts and breakdowns, complaints, nasty attitudes, rude behavior, and downright disrespect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I can represent that my staff is well educated, very well trained, and very understanding. However, the percentage of clients who earn the respect of every individual in that office is quite small, and likely less than five percent overall. Mr. Skakel did so and I must stress that he earned that respect; it was not freely given.

Mr. Skakel's celebrity status did not endear him to my staff. If anything, he began his relationship with us at a deficit in the respect category, given the difficulties that we very often do encounter when we represent wealthy or powerful clients. Mr. Skakel overcame that deficit over time and as a result of his own conduct. He was a gracious client who understood full well that the most important issues that we would address would concern his son, and who very often demonstrated that he would do whatever necessary to take care of his son first and himself second.

I have very a very definite opinion regarding the inability of many adults to place the interests of their children ahead of their own in a divorce proceeding. It requires a significant level of self restraint, maturity, and character to place the children first when the adult is emotionally wounded and weakened. It is easy and self gratifying for many adults to convince themselves that a personal vendetta will really benefit their children. It is very difficult for them to exercise the self control required of a mature divorce litigant at a time when they are emotionally and financially devastated.

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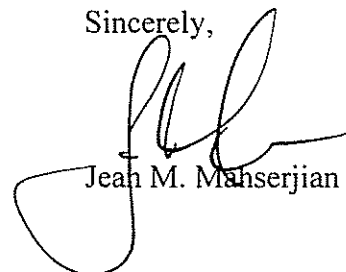
I do believe that Mr. Skakel's efforts at exercising restraint in his divorce proceedings are all the more commendable given the pendency of the criminal proceeding. Mr. Skakel's ex wife chose to file for divorce while those proceedings were pending, thus removing any vestige of immediate family support that might have been expected or desired. I have few clients who would have dealt with the filing of divorce papers at that most inopportune time as well as Mr. Skakel did. I do not wish to give the impression that Mr. Skakel was a stoic who was not effected by these events. He was effected, and very deeply. We spoke about the timing of the divorce filing, the objective of that timing, and the devastation of the loss of his marriage on many occasions. However, Mr. Skakel consciously strove to maintain a level of objectivity and normalcy, not for himself, but for his son. Again, it is that type of behavior that earned him the respect of my entire staff.

I do not recall a single instance when Mr. Skakel publicly or privately attempted to garner attention because he was a "Skakel" or a "Kennedy". He is not a selfish or petty, self gratifying individual. I did, however, observe instances where Mr. Skakel engaged in anonymous acts of decency and kindness to strangers, and he did so without attempting to draw attention to himself or to his identity. In fact, he was more often than not concerned that his appearances in public not be made "public events".

I am, of course, a simple and fallible divorce attorney. I make no claims to having any extraordinary powers of observation or insights into character or the issue of whether an individual presents a danger to society. I do, however, have a fair amount of experience in dealing with adults who are operating under tremendous emotional and financial stress. I more often than not see my clients at their very worst, and rarely at their best. Having represented Michael Skakel at a time when he faced marital dissolution as well as a murder trial, I can represent whole heartedly and with a clear conscience to the court that he presented as an individual of character and decency. I observed no behavior that would indicate that he would place his interests above those of others or that he would be a danger to society. To the contrary, he often presented as an individual who would promptly and generously lend a helping hand to someone in need, simply for the objective of helping out.

To the extent that these issues are relevant to your Honor's consideration, I request that you consider my observations.

Sincerely,



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August 14, 2002

The Honorable John F. Kavanewsky, Jr.  
Connecticut State Superior Court  
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Judge Kavanewsky:

In my capacities as both friend and professional colleague, I am in a position, perhaps, to offer a perspective on Michael Skakel's character unique among the many you have undoubtedly received. I have known Michael Skakel for more than 10 years. During that time I have witnessed Michael's commitment to people suffering from hardship and adversity. On a more personal note, I have observed that with friend and stranger alike, Michael is sincere, thoughtful, and above all, possesses an irrepressible spirit.

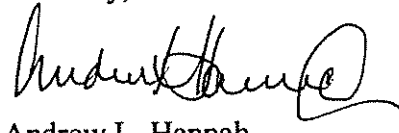
In attending his trial, I was stunned by the disparity between his true character and that portrayed to the public by the media. The real Michael Skakel is a profoundly different being than the person depicted during his trial. I could not be more emphatic in relating to you that Michael Skakel is honest, has always demonstrated tremendous integrity, and is one of the most generous people I have ever met.

As the former Vice Chairman of Americares I had the privilege of working with Michael on two occasions. Entirely through his own initiative, as Director of International Programs at Citizens Energy, Michael arranged for a donation of drugs to a children's hospital in Luanda, Angola during a visit in 1996 while that country was suffering from a ruinous civil war. After Hurricane Georges devastated the Dominican Republic in 1998, Michael volunteered to join Americares' response team, arriving the day after the disaster. Michael spent three days without electricity, sleeping in a destroyed house unprotected from the elements. Each morning, Michael awoke with eyes swollen shut from insect bites. Michael's efforts resulted in Americares' successful delivery of some 25 tons of emergency medical supplies.

Your Honor, permit me to offer my view on one last point. I would hope you would agree that Michael Skakel poses no threat to society. It seems to me, you have been given that most rare of insights in your profession, that of knowing how the person that stands before you will live his life after the offense for which he has been convicted. Michael Skakel's conduct over the last 20 years has been exemplary and certainly serves as evidence in support of leniency in your deliberations.

Judge Kavanewsky, thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,



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July 8, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
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Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

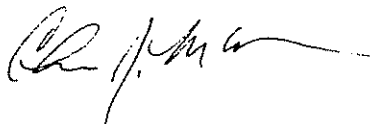
Michael Skakel and I have been friends since the Spring of 2001, when we met during a bi-annual AA 12-step retreat. We have remained in contact as part of the program, but have developed a close friendship that only can be formed with an open and trusting relationship. Despite our distance from each other, relationships with our families, and personal life affairs, we have always remained in contact when time permitted.

My thoughts on Michael are ones of admiration. Of my friends and acquaintances, Michael has been inspirational, and stands out as being spiritually strong, open and honest, and generous with his time. These qualities are necessary to maintain a path of sobriety for any length of time. He is a dedicated father and shows extreme love for his son George. I'm am a father of two, a girl 8 years old and a boy 6 years old. I know how Michael is feeling at this moment about his son, and can only imagine what George is feeling. I can honestly say as a recovering alcoholic that I am better suited to give my children the love and support they need to become happy loving adults, then I could ever have done if I never found the program. George feels safe and very much loved by his father.

I will not understand the difficulties of the decisions that you must make, but I see a need for balance in justice for everyone involved, Michael, his son George, and the Moxley family. I am not pleading today on my opinion of Michael's innocence, but on the fact that he was found guilty for a crime that occurred just under 27 year ago as a fifteen year old. I understand that you're considering a range of 10 years to life for Michael, and I would plead for a 10-year sentence. George would be approaching the age of 15 when Michael would be released, and I feel George shouldn't suffer a lifetime with out his father.

I thank you for your time in reading my letter, and may God be with us all.

Sincerely,



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July 8, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
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Your Honor:

Michael Skakel has been a mentor in my life since 1987.

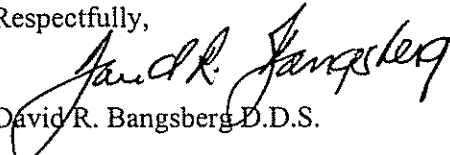
I am a recovering alcoholic who owes no small portion of my vigorous and successful recovery to Michael Skakel.

Many people in this life preach a sermon, Michael shows us a sermon on how to live with honesty, integrity and non-judgmental love for his fellow man and his three-year-old son.

Michael was always there for me in my early struggles with my addiction. Without his encouragement I may well have failed in my recovery.

In the most respectful manner I would urge you consider the good this man has done in his life, and the love he has for his son. Your Honor, this man would not prove you wrong for any consideration you may give.

Respectfully,

  
David R. Bangsberg D.D.S.

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June 21, 2002

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The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
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Your Honor,

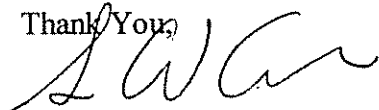
I am writing you to ask for leniency when considering the sentence for Michael Skakel.

I met Michael Skakel in the fall of 1996 while I was in the process of finding a drug treatment center for a friend. Trying to find people to help was difficult; Michael was one of the few people who stepped up and that provided comfort, and guidance, during this time. What Michael did was provide service that is one of the main components of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. In my opinion, service is frequently ignored in present day Alcoholics Anonymous. Michael Skakel is one of the few people that I have seen consistently reach out to other members of AA.

In the past six years I have watched Michael go through good and bad times, become a father that I can only hope to be, continue to find time to help people and keep a positive attitude during the times that the spotlight has focused on him. The one constant during this time is Michael's commitment to fatherhood and commitment to helping other people.

Please consider leniency for Michael, if not for Michael but his son, George, who fortunate enough to have a father as caring as Michael.

Thank You,



Sean W. Condon

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June 28, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

I write to you with the hope that you will read this entire letter and provide leniency when considering the sentence of Michael Skakel on July 19, 2002.

I have known Michael since 1980 and I have been an extremely close friend for over 17 years. Michael and I experienced early sobriety together (Michael got sober in 1984). We have leaned on each other and have been there for each other since my return from Hazeldon (re-hab facility in Minnesota) in January of 1985.

Michael is an honest, direct and loving man who throughout our friendship has assisted many others in their need/desire to become clean, sober and caring members of society. I have witnessed Michael continually fight for and help the underdog. He is constantly trying to assist them in getting a leg "back-up" on life. His commitment to helping others find a way to a more peaceful, productive life has been an inspiration to me for close to 20 years.

Additionally, Mike is a loving dad devoted to the physical, mental and spiritual well being of his son, George. Despite his personal set backs and heartbreaks, including his divorce from George's mom, Margot, he remains a spiritually centered, good-hearted, well-intentioned man. Even during the relentless badgering and constant interference in his life by the press, Michael maintained a positive attitude and outlook. His inner-strength throughout this ordeal seems incredible to me.

There are those who believe Michael "appeared arrogant" during this traumatic time... I know this man and he is not arrogant. He was simply protecting himself by putting up boundaries that allowed him to go on with some sense of security and dignity while many people ruthlessly and publicly attacked him and his family.

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I do not discount nor do I pretend in any way to comprehend the unimaginable pain and suffering that the Moxley's have felt, continue to feel and will always feel in regards to the tragic death of Martha.

I simply ask that when weighing Michael's sentence, you please remember the man, the father and the friend that I would trust with the lives of my children. I do not take that statement lightly – I know him, and believe in his generosity, kindness and goodness.

Please look deep within yourself, and to God, and find the capacity for leniency. It is in your hands.

Most Respectfully



David M. Slye  
Principal

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The Honorable John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

I have tried to write down some thoughts about Michael Skakel before his upcoming sentencing. I had hoped to finish this letter weeks ago, but this is a particularly difficult thing for me to do. I love Michael Skakel as the brother he was to me, but I feel helpless. I am powerless to help him when I believe he would move heaven and earth to help me.

I am 46 years old. I went to a Jesuit high school in Massachusetts, Boston College, and then to Wall Street following graduation in 1978. For the past 24 years I have traded fixed income products, first for Mabon Nugent and then for Prebon Yamane. These were smaller firms, but we were global leaders in our products. I retired in January and in late spring I was diagnosed with cancer. I missed the trial because I was in the hospital having spinal surgery.

I've known the Skakel family since 1965. My family (three sisters and one brother) all attended ski racing camps with the Skakel children—and that was the beginning of a remarkable lifelong friendship. The kindness and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Skakel was extraordinary; we seemed like one great big family. Anne Skakel, Michael's mother, passed away a few years later. In 1975 my father died, and Mr. Skakel and his family became an even greater part of our lives. My brother Chris and I ski raced all over New England, but we would always come back to Windham, New York and ski with our "brothers" when we had off days. Later, when John Skakel went to Boston College, we were on the same ski team. Following 1978, I went to work on Wall Street, and John Skakel worked for me until 1991.

During the last several years we have spread out all over the country; however, last fall we all gathered for my brother's funeral. Michael's presence there was a great moment. His strength and his good humor meant so much to my sisters and me.

I was not extremely close to Michael as a young child, but I had occasion to be around him quite often from the age of ten. I saw him grow from a boy to a man.

Michael as a young man was a fantastic skier, with immense physical courage. No jump was too high, no mountain too steep for him. He could handle it all. His physical courage was supplemented only by his moral courage. If he believed in something, he believed it absolutely. He told the truth no matter the cost. If he saw someone in trouble, he came to the rescue. If he sensed weakness in people, instead of exploiting that weakness for his benefit, he tried to help, protect, or shepherd that person. Michael was compassionate. He cared about people--old and young.

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After my father died (April 1975), Michael showed extraordinary kindness to my mother. When she walked into a room, Michael would hug her, take her hand, and walk her around the room introducing her to everyone, making her feel at home in his house. She loved him for it. When she died five years ago, Michael sent the nicest letter. He loved her. Michael treated my three younger sisters with the same kindness. He was compassionate and gentle, and they loved him for it. He treated me like a favorite older brother. When I would come back from ski races, he would always want to know what happened, what equipment worked and why. Then he would take my skis and prepare them for the next race. Michael later became a world class speed skier, far surpassing the likes of me and others in New England.

During the entire time I've known Michael, he has been honest, courageous, compassionate, and generous. He has taken what life has thrown at him and handled it with class, integrity, good humor, and most importantly, without complaint.

He is a good man who when he saw wrong, tried to stop it. He tried to do the right thing at all times, even if it was the hardest thing to do.

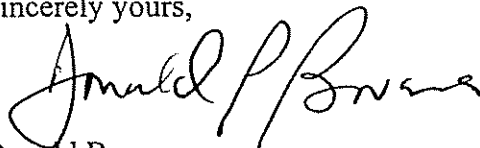
Michael is now facing the most difficult hurdle in an already tough life. I pray everyday to God and I ask him to give Michael the strength and resiliency to handle his life, as it is now. I pray that he continues to believe in himself, keeps his faith, and waits for his life's ultimate resolution before God.

Michael was a champion of the kid who was bullied after school, of people who faced addictive or emotional problems, and of people wounded by life. Michael was not afraid to stand up for his beliefs, when it would have been easier to sit, no matter the consequences. He is a man you would want on your side. There are not many people like that in the world today.

Michael's compassion, honesty, courage, and generosity are the cornerstones of his character. I watched these qualities in real time for 35 years. In both good times and bad Michael never wavered. He is a rock.

Your honor, I am asking you to have mercy on Michael. I am hoping that you can find it in your heart to be lenient with regard to Michael's sentencing—all the while knowing that if the roles, due to some strange twist of fate, were reversed, Michael would have mercy on you.

Sincerely yours,



Donald Bovers

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August 15, 2002

The Honorable John F. Kavanewsky Jr.  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
Superior Court, G.A. 20  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06850

Re: Sentencing of Michael Skakel

Dear Judge Kavanewsky,

By way of introduction, my name is Natale Plateroti. I am writing you on behalf of my dear friend Michael Skakel. For the past six years, I have been a qualified CAC Prison volunteer at the Taconic Correctional Women's Facility conducting Narcotics Anonymous (NANA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings. I have also worked with the Youth Division of the Portchester Police Department for 10 years working for underprivileged children and targeted kids. My work with Portchester youths also included training kids for boxing at the Don Basco community center and working with the Portchester Middle School's attitude adjustment class. More importantly, I was Michael's sponsor for a period of time at Alcoholics' Anonymous. I am writing to urge your leniency in sentencing Michael Skakel.

I first met Michael at an AA meeting approximately 14 years ago. It was there that I really got to know Michael on both a personal and professional level. I found him to be an honest and warm human being always willing to help those around him. He has a great insight on life which provides a tremendous service to those that have the privilege to meet him. I have personally seen him take the time to sit with newcomers and offer a friendly hand of support. Michael is a deeply spiritual and religious man who offers comfort to those in need.

Michael's generous nature does not rest with his work with Alcoholics Anonymous. He has opened his home to charitable organizations for several years. He has brought busloads of severely handicapped children to his property to use the pool and other facilities. Through these events, Michael is able to provide a loving and caring environment to these kids.

On a personal level, I know Michael to be a gentle, knowing and caring individual. I have gone with him on several ski trips and outings attended by family and friends. These trips were always a joy to be a part of. His great sense of humor and warm disposition is uplifting to those that know Michael.

Through the many years that I have been with Michael, I have never seen him to be aggressive, confrontational or violent in any shape or form. It has been an honor and privilege to know this man. I consider Michael a dear and trustworthy friend. My statements here are true and accurate. I hope and pray that you can find it in your heart to find leniency for Michael.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natale Plateroti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end of the last name.

Natale Plateroti

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July 15, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavenewsky  
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Dear Judge Kavenewsky,

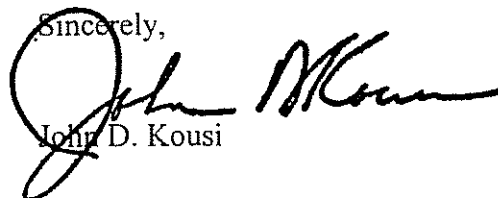
This is a plea for leniency on behalf of Michael Skakel.

I am 68 and a quadriplegic having been injured in a ski accident in 1991. I first met Michael about ten years before my accident and occasionally skied with him although he was far better than I. During those times, we talked often and long. I was moved by his unhappy and difficult childhood and impressed by the efforts he had made to overcome the apparent privilege of wealth and the reality of a childhood deprived of guidance and love. After my accident, Michael visited me and I found his visits comforting and helpful. Again, I was impressed by his struggle to find direction and relevance in a career and in life. I offered whatever help I could and he deeply appreciated it.

Though I am an attorney, I offer no comment about Michael's guilt or the trial, but I do know that Michael, whatever his past problems, is rehabilitated.

I ask that you take this into consideration when sentencing him.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
  
John D. Kousi

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June 25, 2002

Your Honor,

MICHAEL SKAKEL

This letter is written on behalf of my former student, Michael Skakel, requesting consideration as to his pending sentence.

For 14 years ( 1960-74), I was associated with Whitby School, Greenwich, Conn. Michael's extended family, the Skakels, were the founders of what became the revival of Montessori education in the United States. He was one of my students from the age of three, as were his siblings and many of his cousins, through most of their elementary school years. I knew and respected Michael's parents and was very sad at the death, from cancer, of his very young mother. Her death took much from this family, depriving their father of her loving and strong companionship and her seven young children of her love and support. It was a devastating loss for each of them.

In addition, over a brief time-span, the children also lost two uncles and an aunt, all close to the children and each rather young. This series of premature deaths due to illnesses and accidents is family history without equal in my many years as headmaster of three schools-one of them a high school.

Aside from finally reconnecting with one wing of the family after about fifteen years, I had not seen Rushton, or the children for decades. I was with them a few years ago at a family wedding and was upset by the deteriorated state of their father, but pleased by the manner of these young adults, my former students. This past Christmas I was invited to a family dinner where I spoke with Michael about his early years. I told him of my affection and respect for his young parents and he probed the past for memories of those happy times. It was easy to recall many happy memories and I was taken with his eagerness to share the delight he now experiences with his young son, George.

I am not able to judge the turn of events that has led to Michael's conviction. As a parent of three and grandparent of eight (two in their teens) I am ever aware of my experiences with youth within the family and in the schools. Currently, I produce television programs on interfaith religious issues, consult with schools and lecture on education and family life. Because of my work, my experience of youth and family life is current and vivid.

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I end by admitting I would not wish to be the Judge, jury, defendant or a member of either of these two very pained families. It is all beyond me and the situation stirs my soul. I ask merely that, as you confront your choices, you join me, an old headmaster, in considering Michael as barely 15 years old at the time of this tragedy.

With every respect, I am

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Headmaster emeritus  
Whitby School, (Greenwich, Conn.)  
The Unquowa School, (Fairfield, Conn.)

Former Headmaster  
Berkshire School ( Sheffield, Mass.)

The Honorable Judge John Kavenewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

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# Peter Wassyng

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The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT. 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky,

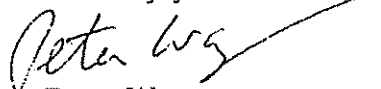
I first met Michael Skakel in December of 1996. We met through a mutual friend in Alcoholics Anonymous. He was one of the first people to put his hand out to me at a very bad time in my life. I will always be grateful to him for his kindness.

In February of 1997 I attended a alcohol and drug rehab in Southern California. Michael was also there dealing with post-traumatic stress syndrome from his treatment at The Elan School. He shared many stories of the treatment he received there and I could tell it still had a devastating effect on him. I must say I could not have gotten through my rehab treatment without Michael's support and love. He is still an incredible example of sobriety to me . Since first meeting Michael I have shared many moments with him. My experience is that he has touched many lives in a very positive way. I know he has always tried to "do the right thing" no matter what the consequence was for him.

I only know Michael Skakel as a loving,honest,sharing man whose son means the world to him. I urge you to show some leniency for Michael if not , for his son. He has already been through an incredible ordeal at the Elan School and from his upbringing in a dysfunctional family.

I also know that he will put his hand out to other inmates and be an active,positive and important member of Alcoholics Anonymous in prison. Again I beg of you to be fair to Michael. I have been clean and sober ever since I met Michael and he is an important part of that. I will always,always be grateful to him.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Wassyng

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Pamela Burton  
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July 15, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Your Honor,

I am writing on behalf of Michael Skakel and to ask if, when wrestling with this most difficult decision of his sentencing, that you might consider the sensitive, frightened and abused child that was Michael as a boy.

Michael was introduced to me about five years ago through friends in Alcoholics Anonymous. (I guess it's not so anonymous.) When I heard his story, it made me feel that my childhood was a walk in the park in comparison. That he is a breathing, functioning person today is a miracle. That he is a wonderful father is a miracle. That he is sober is a miracle. He has worked long and hard to heal himself and to share his strength with others; to live a life of service and in so doing, to make his life count for something. Please help him.

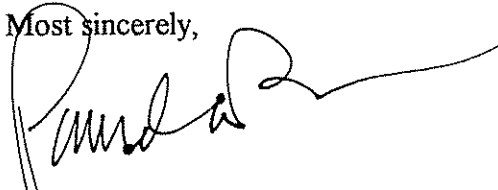
We know so much now about the long-term affects of post traumatic stress, whether we're talking about heroic Vietnam Vets or children of abuse. The result is the same and when we see the affects on children, it is tragic. It is heart-breaking.

Although I do not have children of my own, I have nieces and nephews that I cherish and adore. When I look at them, play with them, hold them, I think of Michael's childhood and I could weep.

Won't you please, in your wisdom and compassion, consider all he's been through already and show leniency when sentencing him.

Thank you for your indulgence,

Most sincerely,

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Pamela Burton

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WILLIAM W. NAPIER

July 12, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

A terrible tragedy occurred in October, 1975. A beautiful young woman, Martha Moxley, had her life taken from her for no reason whatsoever. The subsequent conviction of Michael Skakel has now brought about the time where you must pass sentence on him for this crime.

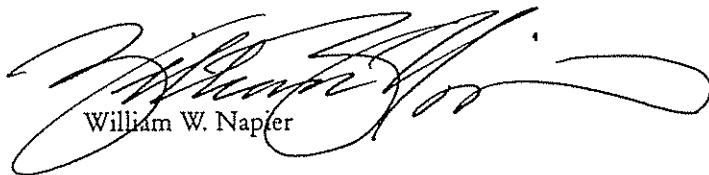
My friendship with Michael Skakel began nearly fifteen years ago when we both attended Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts. We were both academic advisees of Deacon Joe Arsenault and spent countless hours together either in his office or the library. Our time together was of mutual support and admiration. Michael and I suffer from learning disabilities and his support was invaluable in helping me through college. The person I have known for the past fifteen years is a man whom I trust, respect and admire. Michael's friendship is one of my most cherished relationships and I ask you to show him leniency.

A significant amount of time has passed between the commission of this crime and the present. Michael has transitioned from a troubled adolescent to an adult who has fulfilled his responsibilities as a person and a father. As a human being, Michael's contributions have been significant. He is a warm and generous soul. Time and again I have heard accounts from those who have been touched by Michael Skakel's charity. Whether helping someone find sobriety or guiding someone else through the difficulties of a family crisis, Michael truly is a giving person. And of course as a father, it is well known that the focus of Michael's life is his son George. Michael would often tell me, beaming as any proud father would, of the antics of his precious little boy. George is the center of Michael's universe and Michael the center of George's. Please do not separate Michael and his son George for long.

As the head of a charitable foundation I have participated in honoring many people for their charity. Most are honored solely for their ability to write a check. These honors are too often bestowed upon people who use money as a proxy for true commitment and effort. Their charity begins and ends with a signature on the bottom line. Michael's generosity is of the type that puts himself on the line, which is a far more meaningful contribution.

In short, please show mercy on Michael Skakel. If not for him, for his son George.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
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July 10, 2002

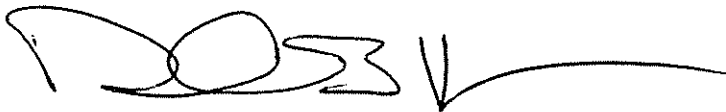
Dear Judge Kavanewsky,

I am hoping to reach out to you on behalf of my good friend Michael Skakel. I understand that you are responsible for his sentencing, and although I don't expect to be able to influence your decision, I did want to let you know the honest truth about Michael Skakel as I have known him for the last ten years.

I first met Michael when I was getting sober in the early 90's. A mutual friend introduced him to me, and he immediately reached out to help me get through this rough period in my life. He was compassionate, he was understanding, and he was always there for me to lean on when I needed a friend. He taught me how to guide a raft down a churning whitewater river. He showed me how to camp. He showed me how to be a friend by being a model friend himself. He has ALWAYS been someone to reach out and lend a hand, and this is why I am asking you to be compassionate on his behalf. He has helped so, so many people, and he brings a wonderfully positive attitude towards everything he does.

There are few men I have ever met in my life for whom I would jump in front of a bullet to save, but Michael is one of them. He is honest, he is fair, and he has never given me reason to doubt that he would do the same for me. I don't know what else to say, other than to beg you to please be lenient in your sentencing of a man who has been so wonderful to me, and who is such a model father to the son he loves.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David B. Hayes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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June 24, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Your Honor,

I am writing this letter in support of Michael Skakel.

Michael has been a kind and supportive friend to me and to my family for over 20 years.


Michael is a compassionate and caring friend. Over the years, he has counseled countless friends on addiction dependency as well as been a source of support for individuals experiencing hardships.

My brother Paul passed away in June, 2001 after a lengthy battle from Cancer. Throughout his struggle, Michael was a true source of strength for Paul. During difficult treatments and in times of pain, Michael would always be there to make Paul laugh or the let him cry.

Michael has the ability to use his life's experiences and continue to help other members of society. In addition, he has an incredible love for his son George and it is important that he be able to nurture and support this wonderful young child.

I ask you to grant Michael leniency in your determinations. He deserves every consideration and in doing so you will allow him to continue to make a positive contribution to the lives of so many others.

Sincerely,



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August 15, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Your Honor,

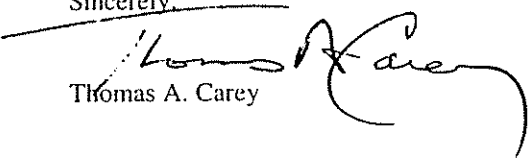
This letter is in support of Michael Skakel. I have known Michael for over twenty-five years. Michael is closest in age to my brother Paul who passed away last year after a long battle with cancer.

Paul & Michael had become very close over the years as they discovered they both battled alcoholism. In fact, it was Michael who helped Paul stop drinking over twenty years ago. Paul was diagnosed with cancer in 1989 and had surgery to remove a cancerous growth that doctors said would never return. Unfortunately the cancer returned in 1995 and Paul once again had to undergo surgery to have a cancerous growth removed. Paul would also have to go through chemotherapy and radiation many times over the next few years. While going through treatment Paul went into a severe state of depression, which the doctors tried repeatedly to cure with little or no results.

While Paul was in the hospital not responding to anyone or any treatment I received a call from Michael asking if he could visit Paul. I let him know he was welcome to visit Paul but he should not expect too much from him as he was very depressed. After about an hour with Michael telling jokes and quoting movie lines Paul was laughing and began to eat for the first time in days. Paul went on to live his life to fullest each and every day after that until he eventually lost his battle to cancer last year.

The Michael that I have grown to know over the years is a caring person that has helped numerous people get over their problems or diseases and a very loving and caring father to his son George. I believe that Michael can be an asset to society and would continue to help others throughout his life. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope you will be lenient when considering the sentence.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas A. Carey

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August 16, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Your Honor,

I write this letter in the hope that it describes the Michael Skakel that his friends and family know and love. I met Michael eight years ago through my husband, Thomas Carey. I have watched Michael provide loving, caring support for those around him. Even when times have been less than ideal for Michael, he is always available to help someone else in need.

Michael's compassion for others is most evident since the birth of his son George. He has paired this compassion with a strong sense of responsibility to ensure that his son is a happy, well-adjusted boy. His success in this endeavor is obvious in a young boy whose laughter brings joy to his father's eyes; whose tears bring concern and protection; whose joy in nature, friends, and animals comes directly from Michael's guidance.

Michael has been a true friend and an amazing father. I hope that his sentence will be decided with compassion for there are still so many positive things that Michael will continue to do for family, friends, anyone who needs his help, and most importantly - his son.

Respectfully yours,

  
Amy Carey

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Marianne Carey Hayes  
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June 27, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Newark  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

I am writing on behalf of Michael Skakel as you consider the sentencing in the Martha Moxley case. Realizing the terrible tragedy for the Moxley family, I know this decision is a very difficult one.

Michael Skakel has been a good friend to our family for many years and in fact counseled a few of my brothers in dealing with alcohol dependency, When one of my brothers was in a severe state of depression associated with a rare endocrine cancer, Michael Skakel was the one person who could reach him despite his despair.

It is very hard to equate the person we have all known for many years with this brutal murder. If, as the jury has found he is guilty, it is clearly the act of a disturbed youth. Had Michael been held accountable and punished at time of the crime he most likely would have been institutionalized far more effectively than the treatment he received at Elan. For Michael to be harshly sentenced as an adult to serve years in prison with hardened criminals would further this tragedy and the effect on his innocent young son would be devastating. I therefore appeal to you to be lenient in the sentencing of this case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Marianne Carey Hayes

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The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

June 25, 2002

Dear Your Honor,

I am writing to you in appeal to your potential leniency toward my old friend, Michael Skakel. I have known Michael and his family continually since 1976. I grew up in Riverside, Ct. and currently live in Palm Beach, Florida with my parents and eleven year old son. I had dated Michael's cousin, Johnny Dowdle, and maintain a friendship with his cousin Georgeann Dowdle. I attended The Convent of the Sacred Heart while Michael was at Brunswick School. During those early years we saw each other at parties, church, family functions and trips. All the boys in his family were sensitive, bright and very well-mannered. Even though it was a motherless household, I knew a very loving and affectionate father in Rushton Skakel, Sr. and a very loving and stable long term cook, Ethel. My feeling was then, as it is now, is that any one of a million people could have been lurking in those woods that night.

Over the years every time my path has crossed with Micheal's, I find a vibrant, warm and deeply spiritual human being. He is a loving and kind family man who is always there to give a hand to someone in need. I know that he is a good brother, cousin, father, and a friend to all.


Michael and I lost a mutual and very dear friend last June, S.E.C. Commissioner Paul Carey. Paul died after a long battle with a very rare cancer. Paul loved Michael and delighted in telling stories of his thoughtfulness, generosity and moreover referred to Michaels fine moral fiber pointedly his exposing his cousin Michael Kennedy's affair with his underage baby-sitter. Michael knowingly compromised his job for the sake of doing the right thing.

I last saw Michael at Paul's funeral. It was Michael who, although he was going through hell, was looking after me. We shared a laugh about the chocolate ice cream on the handkerchief he gave me. He had George during that time and clearly adores his child. I have seen them together and he is a completely bonded father, which, as you know, is so precious in our society. George is the most important part of Micheal's life.

Michael has been nothing short of a model, moral, and fine leader in his life. I was hoping you would take that into consideration so maybe young George could have a chance at life with his loving father who clearly is not a threat to anyone.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Claire Wallau

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June 25<sup>th</sup> 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavenewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
14 Belden Ave  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Dear Judge Kavenewsky,

I am writing this letter in hope that you might show some leniency when you sentence Michael Skabel.

I am 37 years old and have known Michael all my life. Growing up Michael was always kind, and never put us younger children out of the fun.

More significantly though, was Michael's work in helping me battle addiction. When I realized that I was addicted to drugs and alcohol Michael was there to help. Without Michael's mentoring & guidance I surely would have been sunk.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew V. Ziminsky

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June 25, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
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I am writing to you concerning Michael Skakel. A mutual friend asked me to introduce myself to Michael in the late 1980's when Michael told him he was interested in speed skiing. At the time I was one of the top speed skiers in the world, having broken 3 world speed skiing records. In 1992 I competed in the Olympics in speed skiing. I am now 50 years old and married with a 6 year old daughter. I operate heavy equipment and have worked for the same company for more than 20 seasons (work stops for 4-5 months here in the winter). I do not smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs. I was born in Denver and have lived in Breckenridge for 31 years.

I spoke to Michael on the phone and we arranged to meet that summer at the airport in New York to travel to France for speed ski training on the glacier at Tignes. We rented a car and travelled, roomed and skied together. He eventually made the U.S. Speed Ski Team and we continued to travel and room together. I have stayed with him in Greenwich and he has stayed with us in Breckenridge. We have rendezvoused in Aspen and Vail for skiing. I was a groomsman at his wedding.

Michael never spoke to me of the Moxley murder and I was not aware of it until a few years ago. Since I have known Michael, drugs and alcohol have not been a part of his life. He even questioned eating a cheese fondue when we first visited Zermatt. He is generally a polite, friendly gut who goes out of his way to help other people. I think his generosity of himself is probably his greatest trait. Michael has accomplished the formidable task of rehabilitating himself from years of drug and alcohol abuse. He has, on his own, turned his life around. Is he a threat to society? On the contrary, I think Michael Skakel is a model for the many selfish people in this world. It was Michael who recognized that my wife is an alcoholic before anyone else and took her to her first AA meeting. She has only recently gotten serious about being sober and now attends meetings almost every day and has not had a drink in more than four months. Michael helped us when our marriage was in crisis. I believe that Michael is a good and caring person. If he did commit this crime, he is no longer that person of more than 20 years ago.

I hope you will take these observations into account when you pass sentence. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Sherman - A copy of this was sent to the judge.  
Please let me know if there is anything else I can do -  
visit Michael, come to the sentencing - we are shocked at the  
verdict and hope the appeal goes well. Give Michael my  
best wishes - C. F. Mueller 000106

June 15, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Ave.  
Norwalk, CT.  
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Dear Sir,

I would like to take the time to ask you and the court to consider a lesser sentence for Michael Skakel. I have known Mike since 1988 when we met in Colorado at a speed skiing race. We became instant friends since we had a lot in common in the fact that we were both from CT. and grew up about the same time in the 70's. From that point on we shared travel expenses, rental cars and hotel rooms for the next 10 years while competing in Pro and World Cup Speed Skiing events in France, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Japan, Canada and the US. I was at the time very familiar with the Moxley case since I was from New Canaan, Ct. and I already knew from another girl friend one of Michael's Cousins, Susan Skakel. The only Michael Skakel I knew was the one, who was caring, Funny, generous(to a fault), religious and diligent in his daily sobriety. No matter where we were, in every country around the world, Michael went to AAA meetings and attended Mass. He has been sober since he was 21 and he was excited about his future in Marketing and Management. He made a point of the fact that he wanted to work hard and find his own niche and talents and not rely on others. He was very serious about the way he treated people with respect and kindness. In over a 10-year period we spent countless hours in conversations about family, friends and the future. There was never a time that Mike said anything negative about anyone and he never made jest of anything to do with the Moxley tragedy. In fact no one knew anything about him other than he was Michael Skakel from the US, let alone a Kennedy cousin. He never bragged or made references to the Kennedy's or his family's financial position, I was the only one who really knew his background.

I have two daughters who grew up knowing Michael since we saw him a lot and he stayed with us in our house in Vt. He was like a family member with them as he showed a lot of love and attention with both girls. He was excited about children and he couldn't wait till he was a father. He was so gentle with my children and they took to him like an uncle. I was very jealous of Mike, in the fact that everyone, who met him, loved him from the start. He made friends so easily and he was so full of life and his wit was amazing. I wished I had his natural easy going personality. This is the only Michael Skakel I know not the one who is smug, lazy and spoiled, as portrayed by the media.

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We all have not forgotten the real tragedy is the death of Martha Moxley. As a parent I can only begin to feel the pain the Moxley family has endured for the last 27 years. I pray for Michael innocents and his future.

Sincerely,

Will Vinci

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The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Your Honor,

My Name is Bill Miller. I am a friend of Michael Skakel's.  
I met Michael in 1990 in California at a ski race. We were both just starting to race at a national level and quickly became friends. We traveled to races together and helped each other become better skiers.

All the time I knew Michael there was never a hint that he was even remotely the type of person who could do something like this. To the contrary Michael was a warm honest friend, someone with integrity who I looked up too. Over the years my respect for Michael has only grown. I have observed a dedicated loving father, an admitted alcoholic stay somber, and a fierce skiing competitor work his way to the top. I have observed an individual loved by everyone he comes in contact with, someone who would go out of his way to help another in trouble.

I wonder what Michael's life would be like now if only he had some strong parental guidance when he was growing up. If only those in charge of his upbringing had come forward from the beginning, maybe Michael would have a life now.

The Michael I know has a heart of gold. Please give him a chance to prove that.

Respectfully,



William Miller  
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MR. JAMES BLEIDNER

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June 25, 2002

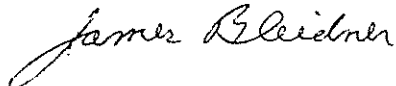
The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky,

I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Michael Skakel. I am a former NYC Police Officer and retired Detective with the Conn. State Police Major Crime Squad. I first met Mr. Skakel two years ago when the Security Agency I presently work for was contracted to provide protection and transport to the Skakel family through court proceedings from that time till present. During the course of this assignment I came to know Michael Skakel to a greater degree than normally occurs in my present profession. I was genuinely impressed by this mans generosity and consideration to those around him, strangers as well as family. I have seen many individuals in the last 29 years faced with lesser charges that did not comport themselves as well as Michael Skakel (contrary to the media picture painted of him). However what has impressed me most about this man was the principal concern he had throughout that time. That concern was and is for his son, George, and the effect that his (Michael's) imprisonment would have on him. I ask that you take that concern into consideration when passing sentence on Mr. Skakel.

Respectfully,

Mr. James Bleidner



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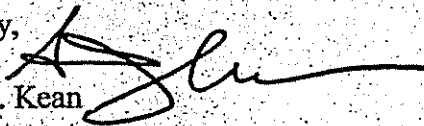
June 25, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT. 06825

I am writing this letter in regard to Michael Skakel. I have known Michael for about a year or so. The first time I met Michael was at my business location, which I own and run. I meet many people through my place of business. When I first met Michael, my first impression is that he was a very caring, nurturing, and compassionate person. Upon meeting Michael I knew about the Moxley case. When I had met Michael, I could not even picture him doing something to that degree. Michael has always left a lasting impression on me, which I come home and share with my family. Being a former police officer, I usually could tell the bad guys from the good ones. Michael never came across to me as a bad guy. He was always sincere and we talked about various things. I am sure that Michael is a loving father and a wonderful friend. Every time I interacted with Michael he was always polite and considerate to me. For his son's sake, it would be a tremendous help if you were lenient on Michael's sentence. I can't imagine him being sentenced for something that seems so unreal that he did. Please take this letter into consideration for all of Michael's family and friends. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Kean



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June 17, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky,

I am writing to plead for a less severe sentence for Michael Skakel. I met Michael 23 years ago At Elan. He was my closest friend there and has remained so since. He is the only person from that horrible school I have remained in contact with.

Michael was instrumental in helping to get my first husband sober. He took him to AA. It was miraculous. I do not think my husband would be alive if it were not for Michael. He is a wonderful father and the kindest most decent person I know.

I know in my heart of hearts that Michael did not commit this terrible crime. I never would have fixed Michael up with my best friend Lisa had I thought he was capable of something like this.

He never made any admission of this at Elan. I spent a great deal of time with him there I tutored him school there. We were best friends at Elan if he were going to admit anything he would have admitted it to me. He never bragged about being a Kennedy. He was and is a quiet low-key guy. Greg Coleman was the one who was so mesmerized that he was a Kennedy relation not Michael.

I beg you to be lenient with my friend. He has a young child to raise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Constance Freehill Narayanan

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Honorable Judge John Kavenewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
Norwalk, CT 06825

June 28, 2002

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of Michael Skakel. I have known Michael about fifteen years. In fact my sister Katie is married to Michael's brother David.

I consider Michael both a friend and a member of my family. He has been a kind and generous person all the time that I have known him. His spirit of generosity and wanting to be helpful to others has always impressed me as special.

I can only address the part of Michael's life during which I have known him. In this period I know that circumstances of the recently completed trial have weighted heavily on his life and that of his entire family. It has been difficult for him. From my perspective he has done well to focus on his family and on living as healthy as he can.

I ask you to please consider leniency in the length of his sentence for the crime for which he was found to be guilty. I request your consideration so that Michael might have the opportunity to reunite with his son, George, and be present for George as he grows up. I believe fatherhood is very valuable to Michael. Certainly, I believe participation in fatherhood responsibilities would help enable Michael to be as good a human being as he could possibly be.

I give my word to stand by Michael and his family to support him. I would encourage him to make each step he makes a good one and help him when times are rough so that his remaining life is good and loving.

Sincerely,

Joseph Harkins

26 Norfolk Street  
Bangor ME 04401


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MUFFIN ZIMINSKY

THE HONORABLE JUDGE JOHN KARANEWSKY <sup>August 12, 2002</sup>  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NORWALK  
17 BILDON AVE.  
NORWALK, CT.  
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DEAR JUDGE KARANEWSKY,  
I'm writing to you just to let you know how much I love Michael Skatel. I have known him for my whole life. Michael's kindness and sense of caring for others ARE my first thoughts of him. He always made us laugh and he always came for the "under dogs". Michael's hospitality has made many people feel at ease. I am so happy to know Michael. Thank-you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Muffin Zimisky  


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THE HONORABLE JUDGE JOHN KAVANEWSKY  
SUPERIOR COURT of NORWALK  
17 BELDEN AVE.  
NORWALK, CT 06825

7.12.02

Your Honor,

I have known Michael Skakel all my life, as our parents and grandparents were friends, so are we.

Michael and I grew up playing together - whether it was Michael coming over to our house on the weekends or me going skiing with the Skakels. Always, and in all ways an incredibly generous and kind family (Skakels) and friend (Michael).

In my late teens and early twenties I developed powerful addictions to alcohol and drugs, though I was functioning in the business world of Wall Street, I was always close to death. It was at my grandmother's funeral (Mary Margaret Mannix) a great friend and supporter of Michael's that Michael approached me and told me that I no longer had to live this way (addicted) - that there was another way - and it was Michael who guided me and supported me on this spiritual path of recovery. I have now been clean and sober for over 15 years and am alive thanks to Michael.

Michael has great integrity and has been the only one who, in his recovery, has asked of himself and others if he could have possibly committed this crime. The answer

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has always come back an emphatic and resounding, NO.

When I ask myself (knowing Michael very well at that time of our lives) if Michael could have committed this crime? - There is no way to even imagine him doing such a thing. And so, I cannot accept the verdict of this jury - and can't begin to wrap my mind around someone being judged and convicted as an adult, at a level of premeditation, for a crime that took place as a fifteen year old.

Michael is a loving, kind and attentive father to a beautiful and brilliant 3 year old son (George). If for no other reason than George, I am begging you to please be lenient on Michael's sentence.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Ziminsky

PETER G. ZIMINSKY

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166 VILLAGE AVENUE  
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02026

Dear Judge Kacovowsky,  
I am writing to you about  
my friend, Michael Sakel.  
I have known Michael for  
over ten years as someone  
who is sensible, honest, fair,  
dependable, caring, concerned,  
humorous, spiritual, sober,  
and overall one of the most  
unassuming and sweetest  
people I know. Whatever  
life has dealt him in the  
past and the sadness he  
has lived with, he has  
emerged remarkably as  
a whole human being. He

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has influenced many people  
in such positive ways through  
his active participation in  
Alcoholics Anonymous -  
his friends are many and  
loyal. He is an outstanding  
father. I believe one of the  
great tragedies in Michael's  
life was the death of his  
mother. Her absence had  
a huge impact on Michael  
and his siblings, and that  
cycle could only continue if  
Michael is unable to be  
a father to his son George -  
an active, caring, and positive  
force in his life. I would  
love to think what will

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166 VILLAGE AVENUE  
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02026

happen to George if Michael's  
sentence keeps him out  
of George's day-to-day  
existence.

While I do know  
Michael and believe in  
his innocence, I realize  
you have heard and seen  
someone very different through  
the eyes of the prosecution.  
Michael is a fine man,  
a dear friend, a loving  
father and someone whom  
I hope you may see also

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as a victim in this  
tragedy. He believes in  
God, is truly a spiritual  
person, and touches  
everyone with whom he  
crosses paths. I do  
hope you may take  
some of this into con-  
sideration when deter-  
mining his fate (and  
the fate of his son).

Sincerely -

John A. Dye

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June 21, 2002

The Honorable John Kavanowsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belven Avenue  
Norwalk, Conn. 06825

Re: Michael Skakel Sentencing

Dear Judge Kavanowsky,

This is a letter on behalf of Michael Skakel who I have known for over 20 years through the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and as a personal friend.

I have watched Michael mature and grow to be an honest, helpful young man of highest integrity who always reached out to help others. I'm enclosing a copy of Michael's favorite writing which I gave to him in 1980 or 1981.

Michael became a wonderful and loving father to his young son and for that reason alone I implore you to be lenient in his sentencing on July 19<sup>th</sup>. His young son will especially need his Dad's love and guidance during his childhood years.

Thank you for your consideration, your Honor, and I will continue to pray for both families in the future years.

Sincerely,

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Eileen McAndrew

—  
MRS. ETHEL JONES  
824 Rudgate Road, Columbus, Georgia 31904

The Honorable Judge ~~Kavanaugh~~  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Ave.  
Norwalk Ct

Judge: I have known Michael since  
he was eight months old.

Please be lenient on him.  
He has a son who needs  
his father.

Thank You -  
Ethel Jones

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JOHN G. TELTSCH  
9040 Hunteliff Trace, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30350

7/17/2002

Dear Honorable Judge Kavanewsky,

This letter concerns our deep feelings and love for Michael Skakel. We have been close to Michael since he was born. His mother, Anne B. Skakel was our closest friend. His father, Rushton Skakel is our dearest friend. We were truly blessed to have been so close to them and Michael.

Michael was such a playful loving child - we saw him begin to swim, ski and read - but with the death of his mother, poor Michael felt it to his deepest insides -

Since that time, he has turned himself, with love, support and his belief in God completely to being a caring, sober, loving

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person - not only to his loving  
son George, but to his close family  
and friends.

We ask, that, your Honor, to  
please share our support of  
Michael with the leniency of  
your sentencing. Suffering will  
go on, but Michael will continue  
to be a loving father, son, brother  
and friend.

Thank you for your  
consideration,

Katharine Cunningham Tetsch  
and  
John George Tetsch

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July 7, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Re: Michael Skakel

Dear Your Honor,

I am writing you today as a friend of the Skakel family going back some 35 years. In addition to having known Michael's family, and even more so his first cousins the Terriens and or Dowdle's, coincidentally I spent several childhood years living on Walsutane doors away from the Skakels and the Moxleys.

I have watched from a distance, following this story since the night in question. You see, our family lived next door to Michael's first cousins the Terriens on Cluffdale Road the night Martha died.

I wish I had anything worthwhile to contribute to Michael's trial, but I did not. My having grown up on the street where Martha lived and having lived next door to Michael's cousins on the night her death occurred is merely a coincidence.

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However, having said that I am writing you today on behalf of Michael because whatever the truth is of that October evening I feel is not totally a

fifteen year olds fault.

You would assume that a child of fifteen would know right from wrong. In theory that is true. Please, for a moment, remember back when you were fifteen. Then imagine a household filled with children, excess money and no one and I mean no one to guide these children. Life of the privileged is not always what one assumes. Every one of these kids would have traded their lives for that of any one of us just to have their mother with them. Michael was not that fortunate.

I knew Michael's mother Ann. She was a dear, sweet, warm and wonderful woman. She died at a very young age. The first victim of cancer I ever knew. I was a teen at the time of her death.

Ann would be absolutely devastated at what has happened to her family if she were here today. In addition to being a wonderful person she was a devout Catholic.

Rush Skakel was not on trial, but forgive me he holds some responsibility to this travesty. As Michael's sole parent, it was his responsibility to see to it that his children had proper nurturing and supervision- even if he was not willing or capable. I can assure you this was not the case.

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Please, Your Honor, as you impose sentence please consider that Michael was a child at the time of this tragedy. Easy for all of us to sit here looking at this man today and judge his alleged actions as a man and not a child. Please do not lose sight of the fact that he was fifteen when this occurred. Please do not be harsh on what seems to be the "privileged" for I see no privilege in being a lost child.

Respectfully,  
Imbura MacDonald Adler

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July 22, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Ct. 06825

Dear Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky;

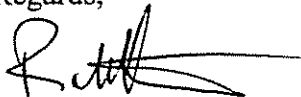
I am writing this letter on behalf of Michael Skakel. He has been a good friend to my family and me for over fifteen years. Both Michael and I had children the same year, and we have watched them grow from infant to toddler to young children. Michael has been a wonderful influence on my daughter Lily and has always been a positive influence in her life.

As a friend, Michael has always been there to help and provide comfort any way possible. He is one of the most caring and generous people I have ever met. I could call Michael for advice and talk with him for two hours while he shared his thoughts and personal experiences. One of Michael's greatest talents is putting things in perspective, and I always turned to him when I needed clarity.

Michael's mission in life was to provide assistance to others who didn't know where to find it. He was just getting started with this project, and I know it would make a positive difference in many people's lives.

Please consider leniency on Michael as I know that Michael's involvement in his son George's life and his mission to help others will serve our community best. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



Robert and Amy Harkins  
5 Concord Square  
Boston, MA. 02118

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July 24, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut, 06825

Dear Judge John Kavanewsky,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Michael Skakel and The Skakel Family all of whom I have known since 1978. While attending Saint Michael's College I would spend many weekends at the family ski resort in Wyndham, NY.

I found The Skakel Family to be a lovely family and not the family of wild bandits that the media has made them out to be, I knew them in their younger days. Mr. Rushton Skakel was present every weekend, skiing and keeping us all involved in fun loving group activity. Saturday night was always a sit down dinner where grace was said and we thanked God for our many blessings. Mr. Skakel taught me how to play backgammon and I am quite a player today. He spent that same time with all who were in attendance during these weekends. It was a healthy and undestructive environment, "Uncle Rush" made a home for all who entered, it pained me to see him on television as he has aged so and is not in good health. Which brings me to the purpose of this letter, he has aged so...

So has the crime in which Michael has been convicted of, noone can really say what happened it was all so long ago and so much heresay has passed from one person to the next in 25 years. What we can look at is what Michael has accomplished in the past 25 years, one of those being the fact that he has never had another incident with the law. He went on to clean up his life and grow up in a responsible fashion. Recovery is a great accomplishment in a persons life as many, many people do not have the strength, the will, the hope, the faith, and the belief in themself to get sober and off drugs. For Michael, Alcohol and Drugs are things that are way in his past because he had this strength, will, hope, faith, and belief in himself. May I confide in you that I am also in recovery and have been for five years, recovery requires taking a very honest inventory of yourself, make necessary ammends and go on to live in peace with yourself one day at a time. Michael could not be the recovered man that he is today if he truly committed this horrific crime that he has been convicted of, he would still be dependent in order to cope with his past. He is able to live peacefully with his past as recovered person, I am sure that he has regrets as we all do but I do not believe murder is one of them.

I would like to ask you to please speak to a good solid member of The Program and ask him "How it Works". If Michael committed this crime over the past 25 years it would have continued to interfere with his recovery because with recovery comes a special spirituality that's within and keeps us sober. Living with this crime would have greatly counter-reacted with this spirituality that gives us the gatefulness to be alive as ourselves. Sincerely, Ann Comer (547 Washington St C-7, Pembroke, MA 02359)

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Jeff Gonet  
650 Huntington Ave 11F  
Boston, MA 02115

June 30, 2002

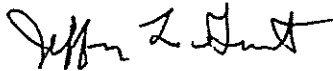
The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Ave  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Dear Honorable Judge John Kavenewsky,

I am writing this letter in support of a lenient sentence for Michael Skakel. I met Michael about a year ago on a men's 12-step retreat. After that retreat we spoke on the telephone once. My impressions of Michael: full of life and energy, a wonderful sense of humor, acceptance of other people, concerned about the welfare of others, serene, honest, straight forward, and very likeable. He spoke often about his son being the focal point of his life.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey L. Gonet, CPA  
617-277-2050  
JLG2000@rcn.com

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Mrs. Christopher Nugent Bovers

6/26/02

Dear Judge,

Please have Mercy on Michael  
skatal. I believe deep in my heart  
that he is a good man.

Sincerely,

Francis Bovers.

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## Mercy

William Shakespeare

The quality of mercy is not strained;  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath; it is twice blest, —  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes;  
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes  
The throned monarch better than his crown:  
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,  
The attribute to awe and majesty,  
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;  
But mercy is above this sceptred sway, —  
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,  
It is an attribute to God himself;  
And earthly power doth then show likest Gods,  
When mercy seasons justice.

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6/16/02

For

Dear Honorable Judge John Kavenevsky, The Honorable Judge John Kavenevsky

I have known Michael Skelak &

his family my whole life and admire them greatly. My husband and I grew up with Michael and knew Martha. This was a brutal murder that haunted us all thru our teenage years and still haunts us today. I can only pray that this can be put to rest so that other lives are not ruined. Please consider the fact that after my husband's death in Oct. Michael Skelak came and stayed in my home to comfort & support me while I was grieving. He has been a loyal, loving friend and I feel deep in my heart that God & my husband would not send a murderer to guide me during the worst time of my life. Please be lenient toward Michael for he has paid his time during the last 27 years.

Respectfully,  
Francie Bovers

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May the Lord  
bless you and keep you  
and fill all your days  
with peace and happiness.

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You and your intentions will share  
A REMEMBRANCE

in the

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS  
celebrated in our Church.

Sincerely,  
Francie Bovers

FRANCES MANNIX ZIMINSKY  
123 WESTWOOD DRIVE  
MOUNT KISCO, NY 10549  
914-666-3637

June 17, 2002

Your Honor,

Please excuse my hand writing as I just recently had a stroke that affects my right hand and arm.

I am the mother of eleven children and have been friends of the Skarbels for fifty years. All my children match up with the Skarbel children and have skied and played with them so often. In spite of what you read in the paper they are all good children and good friends! High spirited and competitive but never mean spirited.

Michael in particular, was very close to me especially after his mother died. My mother was a grandmother to him and my brother Joe was his sponsor in A.A. He became very spiritual and took A.A. seriously. He in turn has helped many young and not so young people. Michael is a good father to

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little George and a most loving one.  
I don't know, won't you please  
consider Michael's situation with some  
compassion. He has lived a good life  
for thirty years and deserves a  
fresh start. He is not the monster  
of the media and deserves better  
from that written about him.

I love him as a dear boy.  
Sweet and loving to me and my whole  
family. Please be lenient with your  
sentencing and don't leave him to  
rot in jail. My thanks to you for  
what you can do.  
Frances Ziminsky

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Victor D. Ziminsky, III  
366 Sarles Street  
Mount Kisco, NY 10549

June 20, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Your Honor:

Please accept my request for leniency when it comes to sentencing Michael Skakel.

I have known Michael since we were children. I am five years older than he is. Our families have been lifelong friends-as were our fathers and grandfathers.


In the years I've known Michael, I have never seen him commit a violent act. On the contrary, I have seen many examples of Michael's kind-hearted nature-acts of generosity and consideration for others.

Among the unsolved mysteries contained in the case, there seemed to be clarity on at least one element: the 15-year old Michael was using drugs/alcohol and had a serious problem that needed treatment. In the years since then, Michael has displayed character and strength in his struggle with addiction. He has helped others engaged in similar struggles.

Finally, he has suffered much already, living for decades under a cloud of suspicion and uncertainty. His attempt to build a "normal" life resulted in a failed marriage-but also in the birth of a son, George. It is in his loving relationship with his son that we may know the true Michael.

Thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Victor D. Ziminsky, III

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Victor D. Ziminsky, Jr.  
123 Westwood Drive  
Mount Kisco, NY 10549

June 20, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

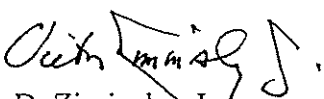
I am writing on behalf of Michael Skakel. My wife Francie has written to you as well to plead for a sentence that will hopefully recognize the punishment Michael has already endured.

During all these years that Michael has been criticized and ostracized, he has always been ready to help people in need.

Society desperately needs people who are willing to help others.

Please permit Michael to have the dignity which will enable him to continue to help his family and community.

Sincerely,

  
Victor D. Ziminsky, Jr.

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8/23/02

When will we be Free?

Please Free Michael, and indeed me.

Michael and his family, are Family to me. Michael has helped me more then words can say. He was there to help me get to rehab, which led me to have a chance at Life.

He came to cheer me up when I was laid up in the hospital after a car accident. He wore a rabbit suit and wound up cheering up the children's ward too.

He gave me a place to live while we were both back in College. A feat few could accomplish. With the help of Michael I was able.

I have many stories and Michael has been there for me and whoever needed help. I know no other as Loving as he.

I'm not just worried for myself. I'm worried for Michael's son George. George is in a situation where he desperately needs his Father. Please.

Thank You,

Paul C. Ziminsky



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June 20-2

Dear Hon. Judge John Kazansky,

I am writing you this letter about Michael Shakel. Everyone in our community are very fond of Michael. He's always been thoughtful and caring. There had been times when someone in the area needed help, and he was there for them.

Michael likes you for the person you are, not what you have.

We are just common people, not upper class.

"Judge," I know what it's like to be without a father!

I hope Michael's son never has to go through life without his father.

Please be lenient with his sentence.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity for writing about Michael. — Sincerely  
Ann Marie Jackson

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Aileen Schaefer Aviles  
6604 Canon Wren Drive  
Austin, TX 78746  
June 21, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky,

I have known Michael Skakel for more than 25 years. I have been living in Texas for the last ten years but have kept up on his life through friends and relatives.

My fondest memories of Michael include ski weekends in Windam where he and his family taught me to ski. He is a gifted skier and had great patience teaching others. We also attended college in Massachusetts just down the road from each other. He was in Milton and I was in Andover. We would get together with friends in the Boston area and Michael was always great fun to be with and a caring and loyal friend.

I plead for leniency in his sentence on his behalf. He is a wonderful family man and father to his son George, who desperately needs him in his life.

Sincerely,

  
Aileen Schaefer Aviles

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June 22, 2002

Honorable Judge John Kazanevsky,

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in reference to Michael Skatel. We have been friends almost 20 years. During that time I have known Michael to be a friendly, compassionate, caring, and gentle person.

He is an excellent father to his little boy Georgie, takes very good care of his needs physically and emotionally. During all the years we have been acquainted I have never seen a change in his character.

Michael also knew both of my daughters growing up and has always been respectful in every way towards them. They also regard Michael as a friend. He always asks about my whole family and their well being.

I find Michael to be a man of strength and good character. I ask

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that you take into consideration leniency during his sentencing. For after all he has never shown anything but kindness to all of us here in the surrounding Windham area. He has always acted as a regular person and never let his monetary background come in the way of displaying genuine friendship towards people.

Michael has earned by his own good character the friendship and love of those around him. His warmth extends even to those who may have hardly known him.

Please consider these truths I have written to you during your consideration.

Yours truly  
Barbara Medaie  
P. O. Box 23  
Ashland, New York  
12407 000141

12, July 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky,

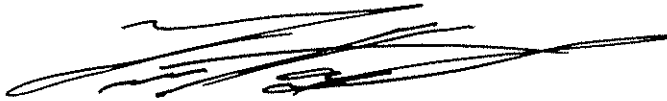
I feel it necessary to write this letter and express my feelings for Michael Skakel.

The first time I met Michael was in the year 1989. I arrived at the Skakel residence to play tennis with my good friend, Stephen Skakel. As we were walking through the yard we heard an individual on the side of the house, it was Michael. I remember Stephen introduced the two of us and Michael wiping his hands off on his pants before shaking mine, he was waxing his car. Michael was ecstatic about what a wonderful job this new wax was doing on his car whereupon he informed me he would wax mine next. I mentioned that mine had just been done and felt it wasn't necessary. Michael responded, "Not with this wax, this stuff is amazing, I've done my fathers car as well as my own, look at the way they shine". My friendship with Michael began that day, and from that day forward he has been as gracious, generous, and full of pride.

I believe the above anecdote describes the fabric of Michael Skakel. As a friend of Michael I know him as a very down to earth caring person. Michael is truly interested in everyone from all walks of life, and lends an ear to anyone, from the Gardener to the CEO. He is in fact interested in what anyone has to say.

Please be lenient with Michael's sentence, he is a man of integrity and a wonderful father.

Respectfully,



Frank Hagel III

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Mark W. Smith Jr.  
1118 El Retiro Way  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

The Honorable Judge Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Ave  
Norwalk, CT 0685

July 10, 2002

Dear Judge Kavanewsky:

I am writing to respectfully ask for leniency in the sentence that you will soon be pronouncing for Michael Skakel.

I have known Michael since he was twelve and I was fourteen years old. While geography has kept us apart for most of the years since then, the times I have spent with Michael were always rewarding for me. With me, he has always exhibited a generous and caring spirit.

One summer in 1986 I was depressed due to difficulties with a job and my health, but Michael was always using his positive, energetic nature to cheer me up. He would include me in whatever he was doing even though I was a mope. I remember the time vividly because my time with Michael was when I felt most relived from my own problems.

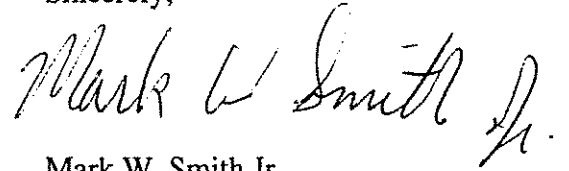
Another event in my life is reflective of the good feelings I have for the Skakels as a family. In 1981, I had a severe water skiing accident and Michael's brother Tommy was the only person to see that I was severely injured and in danger of drowning. Not only did he react quickly but he carried me from the end of a long dock and delivered me to the EMS van even before the paramedics could unload a stretcher.

While Tommy Skakel may have saved my life, Michael has been more influential in my life because of his contagious goodwill and kindness. And in the end, whatever Michael

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real and perceived failings, the only thing I can hope to impart to you is how he helped me when I was with him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark W. Smith Jr." with a small flourish at the end.

Mark W. Smith Jr.

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Mrs. M. Keenen  
3855 Glenfeliz Blvd.  
Los Angeles, California 90039

The Honorable Judge John Kavenewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Ave  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

To the Honorable Judge Kavenewsky:

My name is Michael Keenen and I have known the Skakel Family since 1977. I attended Good Shepherd Catholic School in Beverly Hills and it was there that I met Caroline Skakel, became fast friends and have remained the best of friends to this day.

I spent countless weekends at the Skakel home during our grammar school and high school years. I got to know all of her immediate family, and several of her cousins on those occasions when they would be in town and staying at the house. I became acquainted with Tommy, Stephen and Michael Skakel through my friendship with Caroline. I will never forget my first impression of Michael Skakel as a soft-spoken, gentle man. Caroline looked up to him and thought the world of him then, as she does now. He was always a perfect gentleman and a sweet and caring cousin to Caroline.

Today I write in support of Michael Skakel. I know that he is twenty years sober. I also know that he is now a loving and devoted father to his only son, George. As the mother of a young daughter, I can imagine the pain he feels being separated from his son. I also believe his son must be suffering from the absence of his father.

I ask the court to consider a lenient sentence for Michael Skakel, if only for the sake of his son, George.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mi Keen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Keenen

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6-18-02

To the Honorable Judge John Kazanewski,

I am writing to ask you to please consider leniency in Michael Skakel's sentencing.

Michael has a wonderful son who needs his dad while he's growing up. Michael is a loving, caring father & he is a dear friend. Even though he has been going through this trial he has been very kind to me. When I have called he has taken the time to help me. I know in my heart the world is a better place because he is in it.

Thank you your Honor,  
Sarah Carpini

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The Honorable Judge Karanewsky)  
Superior Court of Norwich  
17 Belden Ave.  
Norwalk, CT  
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Dear Judge Karanewsky,

I have known the Skakel family for about 23 years. We met through a college friend and immediately I was drawn to their warmth, generosity, love of family + wonderful sense of humor.

To know this family is to feel a special bond of friendship best described as brotherhood. My husband, Paul, met John Skakel at Boston College. Paul was a hockey player

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a long way from home in Northern Minnesota. He knew no one and was lucky enough to be welcomed into the Skakel family).

Michael Skakel has travelled to Northern Minnesota (Iron Range) for canoeing and camping trips. He has gone out of his way to stop by + visit Paul's parents.

Please consider Michael as the wonderful adult that he has become. He has a young young son who is the center of his life. Please consider both their lives at your sentence decision.

Thank You.

Suzanne Hammer

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7/17/2002

PO 234

Plymouth MA

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk

17 Belden Avenue

Norwalk CT 06825

Dear Judge Kavanewsky,

I am writing on  
behalf of Michael Stachel. I have  
known Michael and his family  
since 1980. I have always known  
Michael to be a thoughtful

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and caring person. I have  
observed him helping others  
achieve sobriety conquer dyslexia  
and he always put others needs  
above his own. I believe he  
is an honest person. I ask  
on behalf of Michael his family  
and especially his son George

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that you show mercy

and compassion in your

sentencing consideration

Thank you for reading this

Sincerely

William R Felton

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L.D. Buhl III

August 15, 1962

Dear Judge,

I have known Michael and his brothers and sister for over 30 years, and have enjoyed their hospitality in Greenwich and Windham through mutual friends.

I have always found Michael to be a congenial host and a gentleman. I urge you to consider a broad array of factors when you render your opinion on August 28<sup>TH</sup>.

Respectfully,

Jerry Buhl

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**D. THOMAS MILLER  
65B Wheelwright Farm  
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July 6, 2002

The Honorable Judge John Kavanewsky  
Superior Court of Norwalk  
17 Belden Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06825

Re: SENTENCING OF MICHAEL SKAKEL

Your Honor:

My wife and I understand it is your responsibility to sentence Michael Skakel. I am writing to respectfully ask that you be lenient in your judgment of him.

We have known Michael's family for over forty years and Michael personally for seven years. He is a very close friend of our son, Bill. In the time we have known him we have found Michael to be amiable, polite, considerate, and responsible. We know him to be a loyal friend, a loving father, and a support to his family. He made a special trip to Cohasset to attend his young cousin's First Holy Communion. (It was also our grandson's First Holy Communion.) He has been and continues to be welcome in our home where he has always been good company. In short, Michael is a fine adult and a good friend to our son.

My wife and I ask that you please consider Michael's good qualities and hope that you arrive at a lenient sentence.

Sincerely,



D. THOMAS MILLER

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