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Honorable Judge Avren Cohn,

My name is Sandra [REDACTED] and I am a twenty-eight year Veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) who served as a Special Agent and as a Assistant Inspector and Supervisory Special Agent. I retired from the FBI in late 2003 and am currently working in the real estate field. I am writing this Letter on behalf and in support of my dear friend and colleague Nada Nadia Prouty.

I met Nada in the summer of 1999 when she reported to the Washington Field Office. She was an enthusiastic agent, eager to learn, and happy to assist other agents in any task; big or small. As part of her probationary agent requirements, Nada worked with a number of squads at WFO. Due to her enthusiasm, helpful nature, and quality of work, agents called on Nada time and again causing her to fulfill the probationary agent requirements in record time. Nada's language abilities and cultural experience also made her in high demand. Nada assisted agents in debriefing assets, examining documents, and answering questions to various issues relating to domestic and international investigations. Nada and I worked together when I was assigned to an intelligence gathering squad. She willingly assisted me in evaluating individuals for possible recruitment. Her language skills were invaluable in these efforts. As such, Nada's contribution to the FBI mission are immeasurable, they go beyond the easy to calculate in quantifiable "statistics." Nada also serve with me as a member of the Evidence Response Team, ERT. She was very willing to learn and always accepted her responsibilities.

I was very impressed with the amount of responsibility given to Nada at such an early stage in her career as an Agent. With fourteen months under her belt, Nada was sent to Aden, Yemen to work on one of the biggest FBI case at the time- the USS Cole bombing. Some of the other cases that Nada was directly involved in were: The arrest of Zayd Safarini subject of 1986 Pan Am 73 hijacking, the arrest of Arthur Tchibassa who kidnapped an American citizen in Angola, the 2002 murder of US diplomat in Amman, Jordan, and the 2003 bombing of Saudi residential complexes. I believe that these responsibilities were afforded to Nada due to her professionalism, dedication, hard work, and of course her passion for justice. Nada quickly earned my respect and the respect of other agents at WFO, her reputation preceded her. Although Nada's travel schedule was so hectic and her responsibilities grew exponentially in such a short period of time, she never complained; conversely this only drove her to excel. Seeing dark circles under her eyes, I know that Nada paid the price of this busy schedule with her health, nonetheless; she was resolute in her continued contributions to the war on terror.

When Nada left the FBI in mid-2003, I knew that the FBI lost one of the most dedicated agents in combating terrorism. I was happy to hear that she continued her service to our country by serving at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). I do not doubt that her work at the CIA was of the same caliber I have come to know. I was not a bit surprised when I learned that Nada had volunteered to serve in Baghdad, Iraq as that was consistent with her selfless nature. Her work ethics, dedication to serve our

government, and performance record are telling of this incredible woman, mother, and wife.

I appreciate being afforded this opportunity to express my unwavering support of Nada. Although I do not condone the way Nada obtained her citizenship, it is my belief that, like ~~many~~ other uninformed immigrants who come to the United States seeking a better life, Nada, an unguided teenager, made a foolish mistake. It is also my belief that Nada more ~~than~~ earned her ~~rights~~ to become a citizen of this great nation.

Judge Cohn, I ~~ask~~ that you take Nada's contribution to our nation in consideration when you sentence her. I also ~~ask~~ for leniency in your decision given her daughter and family situation.

With Respect,


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