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The Honorable Avem Cohn:

My name is Lori [REDACTED] I currently reside in Parker, Colorado and am a personal friend and former co-worker of Nada Prouty. I would like to make a few comments about her character, work ethic and dedication.

I originally met Nada at the FBI Academy in April 1999 where we were suitemates. One of the first things that struck me about Nada back in 1999 was her commitment to the United States. For someone who was not privileged to be born in our country, she is what I would describe as "fiercely patriotic". I've even thought to myself that she is more proud to be a United States citizen and even more patriotic than many natural born United States citizens. I have never once questioned her commitment and loyalty to our country. I knew that without question that she would fight hard in Service to the United States.

Nada and I became very close friends during our 16 week stay at the FBI Academy. I was drawn to her because I believed (and still do) that she is of good character and possesses similar values. I was impressed with and admired her intelligence, her language skills and her drive. I knew back then that with her intelligence, determination, cultural background and Arabic language ability, she would be of great service to our country.

While at the Academy, I know she experienced some personal emotional pains as well as physical injury. I was impressed at how she did not let these issues interfere with her ability to get the job done and complete the program at the Academy. In my eyes, this supported my belief that she was committed to her new job and that it came first. Although at the conclusion of the Academy we were assigned to different Field Offices (she went to Washington, DC and I went to Portland, OR), I have remained in close contact with her since that time.

Although I do not know the details of the many investigations she was involved in while with the FBI, I do know that she has received many letters of recognition for her work. I understand she made some major contributions during her tenure and was an exceptional Special Agent. I also know that she worked tirelessly on many special overseas assignments while employed with the FBI, many times having to live in undesirable conditions for long periods of time. I know that Nada put her life on the line for our country on several occasions by willingly accepting dangerous assignments in the Middle East. This includes her ~~most~~ recent covert assignment in Baghdad.

Her dedication and loyalty carried over to a personal level with me. Nada ~~has~~ always been extremely supportive and loyal to me. During a particularly rough period in my personal life, she was there for me without fail. Not a day went by when she did not call ~~me~~ at least once per day to see how I was doing and to offer advice and support. I knew then, like I know now, that I could count on her to be there for me.

I firmly believe that Nada does not ~~pose any~~ threat, neither to our society, nor to our national security. I know that ~~Nada~~ remains committed not ~~only to~~ her husband Gordon and daughter Eva, but also to the United States. Although she was never on the battlefield, I believe she has fought for our country in many ~~other~~ ways.

I do not know all the ~~details~~ of her charges other than what has been portrayed in the media. However, I do know that the positive things she has done not ~~only~~ for me, but also for this country, seem to far outweigh anything negative. ~~M y~~ opinion of her has not changed since I first met her.

When making your decision regarding her sentencing, I would like to request that you take into consideration the outstanding contributions and sacrifices she has made for our country. Contributions and sacrifices which have been far greater than many Americans I know.

Sincerely,

Lori