

Honorable Judge Cohn,

I am writing to you to express my support on behalf of Ms. Nada Prouty. I have had the pleasure to get to know Ms. Prouty over the past two years through my professional contact with her as a colleague at work and through social contact with her and her family outside of work. I also have had the benefit of learning about Ms. Prouty's exceptional service to the United States independently through the strong reputation she has developed in the USG for the work she accomplished as an FBI agent. I have developed a high degree of respect for Ms. Prouty over these two years and consider her to be a person of integrity and honesty.

I have spent some time with Ms. Prouty outside of work, both individually and with her husband and daughter. I find Ms. Prouty very down to earth and straightforward, with a clear sense of her priorities. I was immediately impressed with the warmth and connection she has with her daughter and the strong affection she and her husband share for each other. It is clear to me from my discussions with Ms. Prouty and her husband that family is the highest priority for Ms. Prouty -- she has played a pivotal role in maintaining a loving and stable environment for their daughter in the face of competing demands from employment in a dynamic, high stress and fast-paced work environment. It is my sense that the difficulties Ms. Prouty faced growing up in a dysfunctional family and oppressed society have had a deep influence on her intense desire to give her daughter a bright future. Ms. Prouty's love and attention to their daughter will be essential to her well-being as she grows into school age.

I have also had the opportunity to observe first-hand Ms. Prouty's exceptional work ethic and commitment to advancing USG interests through our direct collaboration at work. She always maintained a sharp focus on USG priorities, displayed very sound judgment on complex issues of national interest, and handled herself with a high degree of professionalism and discretion in dealing with foreign partners. As I noted above, her reputation preceded my first meeting with her thus I was already aware of the exceptional work she had accomplished in working on difficult and high-profile cases for the FBI. She lived up to her reputation in my professional interaction with her. Her service to our country in pursuing and neutralizing threats to Americans cannot be over-stated. In fact, I was struck by her humility and her sense of profound appreciation and respect for the opportunities she has had in the United States.

Ms. Prouty has faced many struggles in the course of her life, as a young girl trying to escape an oppressed society overseas and later as an adult who became dedicated to serving our country in the face of adversity. It is my profound hope that you will take into consideration all of the facts in, and the factors influencing, Ms. Prouty's case as you make a decision about her future.

Very Respectfully,

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