

Honorable Judge Cohn:

I have known Ms. Nada Prouty for several years, from the time in which she worked under my supervision. During this time, Ms. Prouty proved to be exemplary employee with unique cultural and language skills that she used effectively to further the national interests of the United States. Her dedication to the mission and country, combined with her bravery, served to motivate her colleagues during difficult times. In addition to her regular duties, she volunteered her personal time for two weeks to assist with an important, time-consuming project.

As a teenager eager to remain in this country and avoid returning to her turbulent country of origin, Ms. Prouty appears to have made a serious mistake. Her guilty plea despite the statute of limitations appears to be in response to an overly aggressive prosecution. I suspect she was faced with the unpalatable choice of a guilty plea or certain bankruptcy in pursuing a legal defense against an overzealous prosecution. The subsequent media exposure has almost certainly placed her life in danger. Incarceration at this point would neither serve justice nor society. Ms. Prouty is a dedicated mother and wife; she is not a threat to society. A healthy dose of compassion at this point would go a long way toward a measure of fairness and justice in this affair. Thank you.

Signed Michael [REDACTED]  
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