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To: Honorable Judge Avern Cohn  
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Your Honor,

With the greatest respect to you and the Courts, I am writing this letter requesting leniency for Nada Prouty.

I met Nada in 1993, following my active duty service in the US Marines as a Captain, and married her in 1995. Nada, a teenage immigrant from war-torn Lebanon, worked extremely hard to assimilate into American society and to obtain her college education. She did this without the financial help of parents or a support structure of family and friends that many of us take for granted; rather, she worked several jobs and devoted her energies toward her studies, never once becoming a burden on the system. One can only imagine the difficulties, financial and other Nada endured as a new immigrant, but her moral character, work-ethic, and passion to become a productive citizen of the United States drove her.

Nada has a love of this country that only someone from a freedom deprived nation, like Lebanon, can acquire. She absolutely desired to become a US Citizen for all the right reasons. I remember well how proud she was when she was sworn in as a US Citizen. The picture of her citizenship ceremony was prominently displayed on our wall during our marriage. The theme song we chose for our marriage reception was Lee Greenwood's, Proud to be an American!

During our marriage, Nada worked a full-time job, obtained her Masters Degree, her CPA, and volunteered her time and skills extremely unselfishly for several charitable organizations from the American Heart Association, Hospital Auxiliary, American Red Cross and others. Her civic devotion is first rate, giving freely of her time and talents to her community and she has a work-ethic that is second to none. Nada is an incredible contributor to our society – a first class citizen that we can all admire.

From nearly the first day that I met her, Nada expressed the desire to serve her new country. America was a special place for her, it embodied all the great things immigrants from other nations have always cherished about it and it was now her country. While obtaining her Masters Degree her Professor Dr. Richard Baker suggested to her she should become an FBI Agent. She may have been overly ambitious as a new immigrant to obtain her citizenship, but the FBI recruiting office was well aware of her circumstances. When I read that the prosecutor thinks that she was sent from Lebanon to infiltrate our Government, I nearly laugh at this completely ridiculous suggestion, but cringe at the thought that our Government would give any credibility to it. This is complete absurdity. Rather Nada's story is a remarkable American story, and her service in the FBI can be described as nothing short of exemplary.

Once in the FBI Nada was assigned to a counter-terrorism squad. Often volunteering for assignments others would avoid, Nada was always willing to go into harms way. It was quite common for her to deploy for substantial periods of time, and with little time back in country to redeploy to another troubled spot. She never flinched or hesitated when called upon by our country. I recall the Director of the FBI requesting her personally to accompany himself on overseas assignments; this speaks volumes as to her service to our nation and the value as a nation we placed on her. She was in the agency for less than two years when this would occur! This was more than just doing her job; this was a passion, a love of country, and a drive to excel that one only finds in a select few of our fellow citizens. Her sacrifices for our country place her in an elite category we all owe a debt of gratitude.

Her love of this country is unsurpassed by others. I have had the privilege and honor to lead US Marines in combat and I can state unequivocally that Nada ranks up there with the most patriotic and selfless individuals that I have ever met when it comes to service to our country. Your Honor, Nada is "One of the Good Guys," and she was doing the tough work of this country. I was a proud husband and an appreciative citizen for it. Our country cannot thank people like her enough for what they are willing to do for our freedoms.

It pains me incredibly to see that her love and devotion to this country is called into question. My Government, Our Government, Her Government is betraying Nada and her service to our great country. This is sheer lunacy and madness! It is completely upside down and backwards to suggest any nefarious motives for her actions.

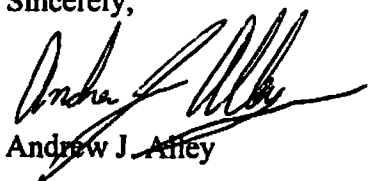
Nada is also a protective, wonderful mother of her daughter Evangelina. It is a guarantee that Nada will ensure her daughter is well educated, instilled with great moral character and values, and she will become an extremely productive member of our society. Nada needs to be with her daughter. Her daughter needs the love and guidance that only her mother can provide.

This entire episode has been quite destructive to Nada, her husband and child. It has made their lives extremely unpleasant in so many ways. Much of it stems from a prosecution that was hoping to find something, but didn't and couldn't, and continued to pursue it for either a personal agenda, justify the resources they spent, or to satisfy their hunger for a conviction. I would like to think that my nation can do much better than this.

Your Honor, Nada poses no threat to our society or national security; rather the US Government has just abused and tossed away a national asset, an incredible citizen, and a model for us all. I am told that she has had her citizenship repealed. Nada is as American as any patriot that has ever served our great nation, this is an abomination. Her career has been destroyed and her financial resources severely curtailed. She has been punished far too much. It is with my strongest and most respectful appeal to you that you bring this punishment to an end.

Thank you for taking the time to allow me to express my thoughts and wishes. If I can be of any assistance or to help clarify anything please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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