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The Honorable P. Kevin Castel  
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Dear Judge Castel,

I have known William Walters ("Billy") personally and to a much more limited extent, professionally, for more than 25 years. Understanding the issues that Billy now faces, I asked him if he would allow me to write this letter of support on his behalf. Based upon almost 50 years of practicing law, I do not take this responsibility lightly.

Although this letter is about Billy, I believe it's only appropriate to provide your Honor with a brief description of my background. I was born and raised in the Las Vegas area, received my BA Degree from Yale University (1965) and JD from the University of California, Berkeley Law School (Boalt Hall – 1968). At age 27, I was appointed by the Governor of Nevada to be a member of the Nevada Gaming Commission which regulates Nevada's gaming industry. I was less than half the age of the next youngest Commissioner ever appointed. After receiving a re-appointment for an additional 4 year term, I resigned to focus on the private practice of law concentrating my efforts in the area of gaming law. For more than 40 years I have specialized in gaming law and I am proud to be able to say that I have represented many of the premiere public companies, financial institutions and private equity firms involved in the gaming industry both nationally and internationally.

Because of my involvement in the gaming industry, it was impossible not to cross paths with Billy Walters. Although I have occasionally provided Billy with gaming law advice, our relationship has always been predominately personal. Over these many years, I have witnessed Billy and his wife participate in numerous charitable and educational projects in Nevada. As Billy told me years ago, it is one thing to provide financial support to worthy causes, which is important, but it's another thing to dedicate your time and efforts in support of those causes. Just one example has been his personal and financial commitment to Opportunity Village which provides education, training services and residential campus facilities to members of our community, of all ages, who face significant physical and intellectual challenges.

However, what I would like to relate to your Honor is a recent experience I had with Billy concerning my favorite community service organization, the Nathan Adelson Hospice ("NAH"). I have been on the Board of Trustees of the NAH for more than 25 years. NAH is considered an industry leader and is proud to be a best practices model for other hospices throughout the nation. It is Southern Nevada's only non-profit hospice. Consistent with our mission as a non-profit organization, we never turn anyone away because of an inability to pay. We are proud to provide close to \$1 million in uncompensated care each year. NAH's ability to exist and provide important services to our community is contingent upon its ability to generate financial support from the Las Vegas Community.

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Several years after becoming a trustee of NAH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In both instances, NAH provided invaluable services to both my mother and wife as well as to my family and friends. During this personally stressful time in my life, Billy would periodically inquire as to my wife's health and my wellbeing. When my wife passed away, I was approached by many of her friends, including Billy, who wanted to do something to honor her. I suggested that in lieu of flowers, they provide financial support to NAH. NAH used that financial support to create the Bonnie Schreck Memorial Complementary Therapies Program. The different therapies provided to NAH patients help reduce stress and anxiety and decreases depression. Without going into a detailed description, I am including with this letter, as unconventional as it may seem, a copy of a brochure describing the Complementary Therapies Program in the belief that it will provide your Honor with a better understanding of what this program has meant to thousands of NAH patients and their families.

As I mentioned, NAH only survives because of the generosity of the Las Vegas Community. Similarly, the Bonnie Schreck Memorial Complementary Therapies Program only exists through fundraising efforts that provide 100% of its budget. The main fundraising event is an annual concert called the Serenades of Life – Doctors in Concert. This event began 22 years ago featuring extremely talented medical professionals in the Las Vegas community who donated their time and talent to performing in an annual concert. Several years ago, in order to meet increasing budgetary requirements, we decided to expand the scope of the concert, move its venue to the incredible Smith Center for the Performing Arts and, in order to sell enough tickets, engage the services of a well-known musical entertainer to compliment the local medical professionals who performed. This year, as we approached the deadline for contracting with a professional entertainer, we were advised that the source of funding for the professional headliner for the past 2 years wasn't able to make a similar commitment for this year. In somewhat of a panic, the NAH officers asked me if I knew anyone that could immediately step up to the plate and underwrite the financial expenses related to retaining a professional headliner. I immediately thought of Billy Walters since he and his wife have been supporters of NAH and the president of one of one of his companies was on our Board of Trustees. When I called Billy I had prepared a 10 minute "pitch" in the hope of soliciting his support. After barely completing a brief description of what I needed, he stopped me, and said "Frank, you know I am aware of the wonderful program named in honor of Bonnie who was someone he and his wife loved. Just tell me how much you need and I will direct that a check be issued tomorrow." Because of Billy's generosity, we were able to enter into a contract with Don Felder as our headliner for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Serenades of Life Concert to be held October 20, 2017 at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts. If your Honor is an Eagles fan, you will know that Don Felder performed with the Eagles and was instrumental in writing and performing on the Eagles greatest album, "Hotel California".

Even though Billy had many more pressing issues on his mind, he set those aside to help make the Serenades of Life Concert a reality, thereby insuring the financial success of the fundraiser and the continued viability of the Bonnie Schreck Memorial Complementary Therapies Program.

I hope this letter provides your Honor with a little insight into the character of the Billy Walters we, in this community, know.

Very Truly Yours,



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