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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jill Sydnor. I am 75-year-old resident of Portland, Oregon and I am writing to you in regard to Gustavo Vega. Gustavo is a 29-year-old man who is currently incarcerated at the Snake River Correctional Facility in Ontario, Oregon. He was sentenced to 156 months for a drug related crime at the age of 21, advised to accept this sentence at the counsel of this then attorney Ted Coran, rather than take a "plea bargain" of 120 months. Gustavo is requesting that 3 years be removed from his sentence and that he be released from custody when that time has been served.

I have known Gustavo and his family since 2009. At that time, he was at the Oregon Youth Challenge Program in Bend, Oregon where he earned "Top overall Cadet" and completed his high school requirements. Upon completion at OYCP, he lived with and worked for his father, in Boring, Oregon. Gustavo's mother, father, brothers, sister, and fiancé all live in East County. They are a strong family and are committed to providing wrapped around support for him upon his release.


He will be welcomed home by his now 11-year-old son with whom he "face times" almost daily and his soon to be 7-year-old daughter. He is a passionate, attentive father who has prioritized his relationship with his son Baby Gus and looks forward to becoming a hands-on parent once again.

Gustavo has made mistakes along the way leading to his incarceration and he has learned from them to the point where he can be counted on to not only contribute to society upon his release but to be an outstanding law-abiding citizen. Gustavo requests that he be released after completing his 120 months of incarceration. If granted this opportunity, his family will assure his safety, well-being, and support about all. His young son will thrive with his father "at home" with him and an unfortunate "cycle" will have been broken.

I am willing to play a role in his "re-entry" life and will do everything I can to support he and his family in reconstructing their family life together and in Gustavo's creating a life of service, usefulness, self-sufficiency, and lawfulness.

Please, please grant him this opportunity for release after the time of 120 months has been served.

Sincerely,


Jill Sydnor