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Honorable Judge Gershwin Drain,

I am writing to request leniency from you in the March 12 sentencing of Rasmea Odeh, who I have been reading about and following for some time now. Rasmea has been an important award-winning leader in the bettering of her community for decades now.

I am myself an award-winning playwright and screenwriter and member of the dramatists guild. My own work for film and theater has lead me to study and amplify those important workers in our community who have stood up for justice and protection for the most vulnerable. Rasmea's work is critical to hundreds of immigrant and refugee women in Chicago's Arab and Muslim community.

Myself and fellow playwrights beg you to grant leniency to Rasmea Odeh.

Yours sincerely,

Naomi Wallace http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naomi Wallace

