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Hon. Gershwin A. Drain
U.S. District Judge
Eastern District of Michigan
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse
231 W. Lafayette Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: U.S. v. Rasmea Odeh
13 cr. 20772

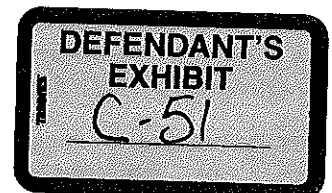
Dear Judge Drain:

Previously, I wrote this Court, along with many others, requesting reasonable bail for Ms. Odeh which was granted. I write now in support of a reasonable sentence, a sentence of leniency, a sentence of time-served for Ms. Odeh.

My familiarity with this matter has been gained by following the case with interest as reported in the media, having conversations with defense counsel whom I've known for decades; having met and conversed with Ms. Odeh in the fall of 2014; and having perused some of the litigants' papers and the decisions and orders of this Court.

I am of the opinion that a sentence of time served is reasonable and supported by the controlling sentencing laws found in 18 U.S.C. 3553(a) and 18 U.S.C. 3582. 3553(a) directs a sentencing court to "impose a sentence sufficient but not greater than necessary." Under 3582, in determining whether and to what extent imprisonment is appropriate based on the 3553(a) factors, a sentencing court is to "recognize[e] that imprisonment is not an appropriate means for promoting correction and rehabilitation."

Obviously counsel for Ms. Odeh will set forth all relevant factors under 3553(a) for a non custodial sentence. I do know that the offense of conviction is non-violent, without harm to another person. Years ago Ms. Odeh, now 67, emigrated to the United States, her only home. She has lived openly and positively in the U.S. She is employed and works with people who need her guidance. She works selflessly for causes that she holds dearly, mostly in Chicago where she is well known and admired.



Allowing Ms. Odeh to be free under supervision in Chicago where she will continue to make a positive contribution to a community that needs her mature perspective, is a sentence properly exercised in accordance with U.S. sentencing laws.

I am licensed to practice law in the state of New York (admitted in 1967). I am admitted to practice in multiple U.S. District Courts and Courts of Appeals.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel L. Meyers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Daniel L. Meyers

