

Hello Honorable Judge,

My name is Franchesca Hemenway, Edward Hemenway's wife. We've been married for 3 years now, and we've been together for 10 years. We have a beautiful 20 month old daughter, Stella Ann. Who which we named after my mom, Estela and Ed's mom Patricia Ann. We are also expecting our son on October 8, 2021, we will name him Troy Warren. We will name him after my late father Roy, who unfortunately passed away last April, due to Pneumonia due to Covid-19 virus. And we got the middle name Warren from Edward's stepdad David Warren.

My mom and dad got hospitalized the same time due to the Covid virus. When my dad passed away my mom stayed in the hospital for two more weeks. When she got discharged, Edward and I did not even set down to discuss where my mom will stay. He instinctively ordered my mom's bed frame, mattress and bedside commode, then prepared our spare bedroom for my mom. He even helped me picked up her stuff in their apartment. Even being in the early stage of grieving from my dad's sudden death, I still felt extremely blessed to have a husband like Edward. After all it's very rare to find a man that is willing to live with their mother-in-law. On top of the support he gave me during that time, he took over on taking care of our daughter who was only 6 month old.

I am sharing all of this to you so I can vividly describe to you our household. It's just me, Edward, baby Stella and my 71 year old mom that is born and raise in the Philippines and barely speak English. In our household Edward is the main pillar that holds us. I mean that financially and emotionally. I have a full time job and fortunately I work from home, which means I can work while raising baby Stella. But my salary can only pay for our utility bills and grocery. Edward's job pays for everything: rent, credit cards, loan, mortgage and any major expenses we might have.

He works as a truck driver, sometimes he will be gone for a month at a time. It gets lonely and hard for me when he leaves, it's a feeling I will never get use too, but it's the sacrifice we both need to make, in able for him to earn money. He needs to endure long hours of driving, sometimes he needs to drive too early or too late, the loneliness of being by himself and worst part of it is watching his daughter grow up through video calls. Those sacrifices makes me extremely proud of him. He's doing an honest living and helping our country by driving state after state hauling goods. I know in my heart our kids will admire their dad for what he's doing. Stella is already crazy about him every time he comes home.

I also want to mention that we recently purchased a house in Ohio, we cannot move in yet because the house still needs a lot of work. We chose Ohio so we can be close to Edward's aging parents, they reside in Indiana, 30 mins away from the house we bought. .

That is why I am praying with all my heart that you will consider not to give any jail time to my husband.

I understand what Edward and his cousin did on January 6 was wrong, but please consider they did not do anything violent. They did not assault anyone or break any property. They just simply walked through the building. During that time Edward thought he is going to

make a difference by showing support to the former President. When Trump asked them to march down to Pennsylvania Ave and meet him in the Capitol they blindly obliged. The president of the United States that time openly spoke on the podium and asked his supporters to go to the Capitol, they thought the former president will be behind them. Edward and his cousin did not go to that protest with an intention to commit crime or cause any harm to anyone. They are not part of any organization, they just simply wanted to show support to the former President and exercise what they believed at that time.

I am attaching a picture of me when I was 6 months pregnant with Stella. And our picture last Christmas with my mom. I am doing this as a last attempt of begging you not to give any time to my husband. You will not only be sentencing a man. You will also be sentencing his two small kids, his 71 year old mother-in-law, his aging parents and his extremely vulnerable wife.

I am hoping you consider my husband's character. He is not perfect in the eyes of our society, he has a 17 year old felony case. But since then he's been a model citizen, he doesn't even have a speeding ticket since then. In my eyes and heart he is one perfect husband, father, brother and son to his family.

