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The Honorable Morris Lasker
U.S. District Court
Southern District of New York
Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Lasker:

In my capacity as the executive director of the National Jewish Coalition (NJC), I had the opportunity to work closely with Ivan Boesky during 1985 and 1986. During most of that time, Mr. Boesky served as the finance chairman of the NJC, one of five officers.

In addition to being a generous contributor, Mr. Boesky also performed the difficult and thankless task of asking his peers to contribute and raise money for the organization. Mr. Boesky attended monthly meetings in Washington, D.C., without fail.

On several occasions I had the opportunity to chat with Mr. Boesky in his New York office. In addition to discussing business, we would chat about our families. I was quite impressed with his devotion to his children.

It is clear to me that Ivan Boesky has paid dearly for his mistakes. His reputation has been ruined, his career ended, his finances are in disarray and many former friends have abandoned him.

Throughout this ordeal, Mr. Boesky's family has stayed loyally supportive of a fine father and husband.

A lengthy prison sentence at this time would serve no useful purpose. It would instead wreak additional hardships on Mr. Boesky's family. I would respectfully urge the court to exercise such leniency as the court feels appropriate.

Sincerely,

Chris Gersten

cc: Leon Silverman