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Gilmanton, NH 03237
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Dear Judge Nadeau,

This letter is regarding Chad Evans.


I am a child health nurse, an RN, who has worked with at-risk children and families for over 30 years. I have seen how children behave around adults who have hurt them either physically or emotionally; the guarding and the reluctance to be close to them or be touched by them.

Several days before Kassidy Bortner died, I saw Chad with her. She climbed onto his lap and lay her head against him. This was within an informal family context, as Chad is the brother of my daughter-in-law. I have also seen Chad with his own son on more than one occasion and saw nothing except a loving and comfortable relationship.

While I respectfully accept the decision of the courts, I ask for your leniency in sentencing a man who appears, to those of us who know him, to be an unfortunate victim of circumstances. Chad will be uncle to my future grandchildren, and I believe in his goodness enough to say that I will never fear for them to be alone with him.

Thank you for your consideration in reading this letter.

Yours truly,


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