

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

SCOTT J. BLOCH

Defendant.

Criminal No. 1:13-cr-00005-RLW

DEFENDANT'S MEMORANDUM IN AID OF SENTENCING

Defendant Scott J. Bloch, by his attorneys, submits this Memorandum for the Court's consideration in advance of sentencing in this matter scheduled for May 13, 2013. For the reasons set forth below, we respectfully request that the Court sentence Mr. Bloch to a term of probation for one year, a fine of \$5,000, and 100 hours of community service.

DISCUSSION

The Defendant adopts and incorporates the procedural and factual background as set forth in the Presentence Investigation Report [see Dkt. No. 9 at 3-5], and will not restate those facts here.

Mr. Bloch pleaded guilty on February 12, 2013 to a single count of Misdemeanor Injury to or Depredation to Government Property, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1361. By agreeing to plead guilty to this charge, Mr. Bloch has acknowledged his wrongdoing and demonstrated his acceptance of responsibility.

Mr. Bloch is a U.S. citizen. He is the father of seven children. His wife does not work outside the home. Other than his involvement in the present matter, Mr. Bloch has led an exemplary life. This case marks an unfortunate aberration for Mr. Bloch. Mr. Bloch has served with distinction in a variety of capacities which promoted the public interest, including as an employee of the United States Department of Justice, as the head of the Office of Special Counsel, and as a member of the Kansas Board of Discipline and Chair of the Douglas County

Bar Grievance Committee. He also taught as an adjunct faculty member for five years at the University of Kansas School of Law.

Throughout his life, Mr. Bloch has been passionate about helping those who are less fortunate. A few examples of Mr. Bloch's continuing devotion to such volunteer service include his work in soup kitchens, his assistance to community and faith-based efforts to combat homelessness, and his support for initiatives to help address the epidemic of autism that has touched so many lives. Indeed, Mr. Bloch's lifetime of good works are further demonstrated by the outpouring of support he has received from a diverse cross-section of the community, including letters from family, friends, former colleagues, members of his church, and a whistleblower whom he aided. For the Court's convenience, we have attached a compendium of all of the letters supporting Mr. Bloch hereto as Exhibit A.¹

We respectfully submit that Mr. Bloch should be sentenced to a term of probation for one year, a \$5,000 fine, and 100 hours of community service. Indeed, with respect to the fine amount, we note that the U.S. Probation Office concluded that no fine is appropriate in this matter. See PSR at ¶ 75. Collectively, the sentence we propose herein will impose a significant hardship on Mr. Bloch, and adequately serve the dual purpose of penalizing Mr. Bloch and deterring future conduct by others. Mr. Bloch's guilty plea was a public event that was noted by the media and will forever follow him in his affairs in the future. These collateral consequences form a supplemental aspect of the punishment Mr. Bloch will face, and also serve as an additional deterrent against others who would consider engaging in similar conduct in the future.

Mr. Bloch has incurred substantial expenses because of the charge and will continue to do so into the future. The financial hardship on his family has already been significant. We respectfully submit that a fine of \$5,000 — which is near the mid-point of the range of potential fines — most appropriately fits the guidelines, recommendations and circumstances of Mr. Bloch and his family.

¹ The letters contained in Exhibit A were originally in connection with the prior proceeding before Magistrate Robinson. See generally United States v. Bloch, No. 1:10-mj-00215-DAR.

Overall, our sentencing recommendation significantly comports with the interests of justice. With respect to the fine amount, we submit that a \$5,000 fine represents an amount in the middle of the potential range and is appropriate given the collateral consequences which Mr. Bloch is facing and will continue to face. With respect to the number of community service hours, we believe that an order requiring 100 hours of community service would represent a substantial imposition and would be commensurate with his offense. Moreover, we note that Mr. Bloch already performs a substantial amount of community service, and thus, we believe that any community service order should take into account (and credit) the community service he is currently performing, and will continue to pursue of his own free accord.

Lastly, we respectfully request that the Court consider the tortuous legal odyssey Mr. Bloch has navigated in any sentence it imposes. Put simply, he has been attempting to resolve this matter for nearly four years. While Mr. Bloch has never wavered in his acceptance of the fact that his conduct was wrong, circumstances beyond his control—which could not have been anticipated by him, his attorneys, or the Government—resulted in his attempted resolution being delayed by more than three years. Accordingly, he has had to endure the stresses, both personal and financial, of his conduct for far longer than should have been required. He has paid a far higher price personally and financially than any misdemeanor defendant could ever expect, and he has done so with grace, humility, and a continued earnest willingness to resolve this matter in spite of the difficulties the unique procedural history of this case has produced.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Mr. Bloch requests that the Court impose a sentence of one year of probation, be ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine, and be required to serve 100 hours of community service.

Dated: April 29, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

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1. Catherine Bloch, Wife

Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
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333 Constitution Ave., N.W.
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Dear Judge Robinson,

I am writing in support of my husband, Scott J. Bloch. My name is Catherine Bloch and I have been married to Scott for 27 years and have known him for 31 years. I love my husband and support him fully.

Scott is a loving husband. He is thoughtful and appreciative, whether surprising me with flowers or washing the dishes most every night. I trust Scott completely and sometimes think he knows me better than I know myself. I know that he would lay down his life for me if it were necessary.

Scott is also a loving father to our seven children. When our grown sons were asked on college applications who has influenced them most, they answered that it is Scott. They are grateful for his loving guidance and support and how he encouraged them to develop their talents and work hard to do their best. He has endeavored to impart this to all of our children.

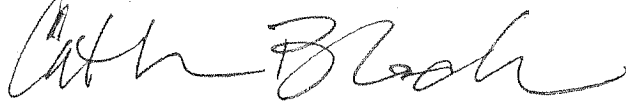
Scott has also tried to teach our children the importance of charity to those less fortunate than we, especially the homeless, and he would rather make human contact than just write a check. One Saturday a few years ago, he was taking our teenage daughters to help at the soup kitchen run by Mother Theresa's Sisters in Anacostia, but when they got there, it was closed. Disappointed, Scott decided to take our girls near to where he worked to see if some of the homeless people he'd made an acquaintance with might be around. There was a man and a woman there and so Scott invited them to go to lunch at a sandwich shop him and our girls. Following my husband's example of sitting and talking and sharing a meal and companionship with strangers they probably would have shied away from had a profound effect on our girls. It is my hope that all of our children will follow in their father's footsteps in helping others.

Obviously, I am aware of Scott's guilty plea and the events that have led up to it. Nothing he has ever done has been this hard. That includes law school, attacks he endured for his public service and stands he took or difficult events with children in our personal lives. He had to own up to something in a process that was difficult at best. He feels great remorse and wants to move forward in his life, do the right thing for his family and prevent any further hardship.

I know how much he has already suffered personally and professionally although he puts on a good face at home and never once has visited these difficulties on myself or our children. My husband, Scott, is a good and honest man who came to Washington to serve his country which he loves and has striven to do the right thing. That he made a mistake and owned up to it makes him more of a man in my opinion. He is a man who loves and honors the true, the good and the beautiful and tries to live it to the best of his ability. He is someone who truly thinks of others and will be a benefit to society.

Your Honor, I humbly ask that you would grant Scott a sentence of probation, if not for his sake then for the sake of myself (especially having been out of the work force for 25 years) and our children for whom a jail sentence would be a significant hardship. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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Catherine Bloch

2. Most Reverend James D. Conley, S.T.L., Auxiliary Bishop of Denver



ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

June 21, 2010

Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Scott J. Bloch, Case No: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1
This letter is a letter of character regarding Scott Bloch.

Dear Judge Robinson:

My name is Bishop James Conley, the Auxiliary Bishop of Denver, Colorado. I have been a close friend of Scott and Catherine Bloch for nearly 34 years. I first met Scott in 1976 when I was a senior at the University of Kansas and he was a freshman. We were both students in a classical great books program at the University of Kansas called the Integrated Humanities Program that gave us a life-long love of learning, reading and teaching. Scott and I even spent a summer working together after his graduation from college and after my first year in the seminary, in a beautiful part of Oregon, the Willamette Valley, in 1980, with other friends of ours whom we still know well. Suffice it to say, we have enjoyed a close friendship over these years and I am happy to say that I know Scott and Cathy and their children quite well.

I know that you will be looking at Scott Bloch's background, character, and other factors in your sentencing. I would like to take this opportunity to give you a glimpse of Scott through my own relationship with him and his family over the past 34 years.

Scott is a person who has always loved other people. He has an infectious sense of humor and charm, and an extremely keen intellect. I have seen him in many settings, public speaking, one on one, both in the United States and abroad in Europe where I served as an official in the Vatican for 12 years. Over these years I have also come to know many of his children, some of whom attended a semester abroad program in Rome through the University of Dallas where I served as chaplain for six and a half years. His wife, Catherine, and their seven children are everything to him. Catherine and his children Michael, John, Peter, Mary, Beatrice, Will and Anna, are more important to him than any accomplishments in his professional life, public life, or private life. He has one grandchild from Michael who is a United States Marine.

Scott is an accomplished individual, well read, with a strong interest in literature and in particular Hilaire Belloc, a British essayist, poet and historian. He has recently co-edited a book on Belloc that was published by St. Benedict Press. He is the founder and director of the Hilaire Belloc Society in Washington, D.C. that hosts dinners for a variety of different kinds of people from diverse professional and personal backgrounds who gather to sing, toast, and read from Belloc's works. I receive the invitations to the Belloc meetings and find them amusing and enjoyable. He has a way with words and has a gift of celebrating language and humor which is enjoyed by all.

Scott has a strong and versatile personality. I realize that some have perceived him at times as being too strong or overbearing. While I can see why people would say that, I can tell you that I have never found him so. Scott and I have interacted in pressure situations, when his hair is down, and when the tongues are loose, in restaurants, on mountain tops, on vacation, and working as a youth in Oregon, hanging from ladders painting together or working in the fields. I know he is a man of truth and integrity who has a deep love and respect for the human person.

Scott Bloch's many talents have made him an effective attorney and have given him some success in public service, first in the Department of Justice and then at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. I knew him and people close to him in the government throughout his time there, and I can say that he was very passionate about being a public servant and having the privilege to serve his country. I am confident that Scott never looked at his work in government as an opportunity to advance his own personal career. Scott has always been concerned about doing the right thing and pursuing justice. This has been true with his work with prisoners and reentry programs, at homeless shelters, to his difficult stands on many cases in his position as Special Counsel. I would have the chance to see Scott and spend time with him and his family when I would visit Washington, DC, or when he would visit me in Rome or in Denver in my current posting. Regardless of the difficulties he encountered or the many people pushing him to support one party or another, he always stood on his principles. I am not speaking in any way to the particulars of what he has pleaded to before you, but only to my sense of his integrity and principled character, particularly in difficult circumstances.

While Scott served in government or as a private lawyer in Kansas, he was always engaged in community minded projects such as helping to found a K-7 school and serving on its Board, working for United Way, serving on a board to help found a monastery in Oklahoma which preserves ancient Gregorian chant, to helping his pastor in advisory roles and serving individuals who came to him for free advice in times of need.

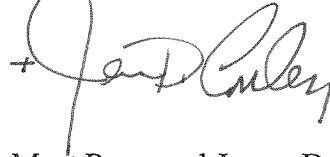
In addition, I have served with Scott on several boards, such as a headmaster's advisory board of an academy dedicated to teaching the liberal arts. We also were on the founding board of Wyoming Catholic College, which was in large part Scott's brain child along with another friend of ours, Dr. Robert Carlson, who now serves as the Academic Dean of the College in Lander, Wyoming. I spent a good deal of time with him in this venture dedicated to teaching the great books with an emphasis on the great outdoors including horseback riding, mountain climbing. Wyoming Catholic College is now in its fourth year and flourishing. I remain on its development board.

What has emerged from my involvement with Scott in these ventures was his good will, his sense of principle over power, and his willingness to take hits for doing what he believed to be true and good, without attacking others. I witnessed first-hand how in spite of difficulties or contradictions, he showed grace under fire and did not lash out when he could easily have done so, but instead took the high road.

Scott did many good things for his office and our country for which some would not give him credit. People are often swayed to carry praise or blame too far. Whatever mistakes Scott has made, he has owned up to them. Whatever problems came out of his time in government, he has recognized and learned from them. He has even expressed to me on many occasions – especially during the worst of times – how he was growing through the problems, accepting difficulties as a part of life, and seeing many opportunities for growth in his faith and as a person.

I have seen Scott and his family suffer a great deal over the last few years and I think that they need healing from all of this. It is my hope and prayer that Scott and his family can move on from all of this in a way that he can continue to use his many talents to help others. I hope this will help you and be taken into account in your deliberations, and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Most Reverend James D. Conley, S.T.L.
Auxiliary Bishop of Denver

3. Gregory Peterson, M.D.

Scott J. Bloch

June 22, 2010

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Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
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Re: Scott J. Bloch, Case No.: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1

Your Honor,

My name is Gregory Peterson, M.D., and I am a practicing forensic psychiatrist at Connecticut Valley Hospital. For over thirty years I have had the privilege of knowing Scott Bloch and cultivating a deep friendship with a man of integrity and honor. He is my closest friend and his family and mine have spent the last fifteen years vacationing together every summer. We have experienced much joy and sorrow throughout the years. Scott's loyalty to me, my family and others has been a real consolation. I've always been impressed with his authentic devotion to helping others even when it meant denying himself. Scott is not aware of the profound impact he has had on my life. I cherish the many times Scott has spoken with me and others with his direct and honest approach to any subject. I am a more virtuous person for having known Scott, as his sincere love for others has a permanent effect on the soul.

When I first met Scott at the University of Kansas where we were undergraduates, we discovered our mutual concern for communities where poverty and crime dominated the lives of so many innocent people. We discussed this with my uncle who was directing an inner city mission in Kansas City, Missouri. After gaining much information and understanding of this situation, we began to volunteer our time by planning and participating in events on weekends that involved interacting and being role models for a group of fifty to sixty underprivileged minority youth. Most of the people we worked with were from the African American community. We got to know the families to the extent that it deepened our relationships with them and their children. Those experiences left an indelible imprint on both of us. Scott was enthusiastic, committed and personally involved with many of these young people. I was struck by Scott's empathy for these poor children and his willingness to meet for hours with my uncle to discuss the sad reality of their lives. We commuted virtually every weekend for two years from Lawrence, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri, to do this voluntary work. We found it to be

fulfilling and meaningful and quite often to this day reflect on our experiences and how they relate to our current work for the disadvantaged. Scott is currently involved in volunteering his time for a charitable society that reaches out to others in need. I remember how Scott would compare the suffering of these children to that of Job and wonder why bad things happen to good people. I recall one specific incident where a group of teenagers were arguing on a hot summer afternoon and about to fight each other. Scott and I were concerned and a bit frightened. Then all of a sudden, Scott started dancing wildly and making funny, loud noises. The teenagers began laughing and found this behavior so peculiar that it diffused their anger and completely changed their postures to those of astonishment.

After graduating from college, Scott and I were roommates and worked various jobs. Eventually we both were employed for an advertising agency as copywriters. We enjoyed this work but became discouraged and frustrated about the narrow-minded nature of the agency, its lack of vision regarding the future and its intolerance for new and innovative ideas. We spent hours discussing ways in which we might engage fellow employees and employers to think more creatively and make the workplace intellectually meaningful, challenging and imaginative in order to facilitate relationships based on mutual interests and talents instead of status and politics. Scott decided to meet with the management and discuss the possibility of inviting two professors we knew from college to speak to the agency about the nature and culture of the modern work place. The management approved and Scott set up a time for the lecture. After the lecture I remember several employees thanking Scott and telling him how grateful they were for his interest in their well-being and how they looked forward to more discussions with him regarding this matter. Scott valued his work and the people he worked with and showed it by his actions.

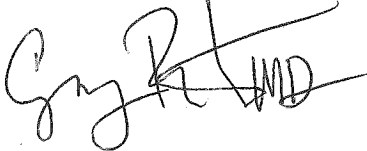
A few years later, Scott became serious about joining the Navy. He often told me how he greatly admired the men and women who serve this country and that he felt a calling to serve and possibly make a career out of the military. While in the process of being recruited for the military he met Catherine and was soon after engaged to be married. After much thought and possible influence from Catherine's father who was a prominent lawyer at the time, Scott decided to apply to law school. He was married, accepted to law school and soon thereafter had two children. I saw much of Scott and his family during this time and was touched by his generous and tender devotion to his wife and children and the rigorous discipline and enthusiasm he had for the law. I recall having conversations with Scott about current law cases and how they might affect future issues. I could tell he had a natural aptitude and respect for the law. Throughout his career Scott has always been willing to help me and others with legal matters out of the kindness of his heart.

As a good friend of Scott's and a practicing forensic psychiatrist, it saddens me to think what might happen to him in this serious legal situation. I know his wife and children have been adversely affected both emotionally and psychologically by his current predicament. Scott has told me about his plea to the misdemeanor count of contempt of Congress. I've been touched by his contrite spirit and the straightforward

Scott J. Bloch

manner in which he admitted his fault. This is not new to me. I have seen Scott own up to his fault or mistakes in the past in interpersonal matters. I think this whole matter has been humbling for him and his family. That is not always a bad thing, and here I think Scott and Cathy are seeing the good side of it as a chance to help others and to grow personally. Any further damages to Scott, his family and his reputation will cause permanent psychological suffering and be counterproductive to future community service. I believe in Scott, he's a good man and a benefit to society. I hope my reflections about him help you with your decision.

Respectfully yours,

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Gregory Peterson, M.D.

4. David M. Whalen, Associate Provost, Professor of English



Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
33 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

June 17, 2010

Re: Scott J. Bloch, Case No: 1: 10-mj-00215-DAR-1

Dear Judge Robinson:

Please allow me to submit this letter as a character reference for Scott J. Bloch. I am the Associate Provost of Hillsdale College and a Professor of English. I have known Scott since our days together as undergraduates at the University of Kansas, and we have remained close friends ever since. Our families, too, are close. My wife and I were honored to ask Scott to be our daughter's godparent, and we are likewise honored to be the godparents to his daughter, Mary. I have had a number of business and professional dealings with Scott as well, and through them I have also come to know him professionally. Given his present circumstances, my estimation of his character may sound hyperbolic, but it is simply true: I know no better person. Scott is a deeply good and serious man (serious despite his robust sense of humor), a man genuinely dedicated to his country, his family and his faith. I have spoken with him often over the past several years about the matters that bring him to this Court, and these events have had a truly profound effect on him. In both external and internal ways, Scott has been severely chastened; it is my hope and prayer that a sentence of probation will be found appropriate for him. He—and more importantly, his family—have suffered much, and learned much.


Scott is a man of principle and honor—honest, courageous and compassionate. Consistently he has given himself—often at great cost—to the service of other people even when doing so provides him no benefit in return. His compassion in particular deserves note, as it is one of the first things any real observation of Scott reveals. When my daughter entered into her teenage years, she began to practice some seriously self-destructive behavior. Despite the hectic world of Washington D.C. and all his duties there, Scott sought her out, helped her, repeatedly spending time and emotional energy in bringing her consolation and comfort. Likewise, when the headmaster at his son's school was being mistreated by the religious order that operated the school, Scott—while devoted to the Church—was his mainstay and support in the face of a powerful and peremptory adversary. More generally, when others are quick to condemn or denounce something or someone, Scott—without a hint of either indifference or mere contrarianism—will counter by looking at

motives or circumstances that others would rather disregard in forming their opinions. Examples such as these are just instances of what is in fact an essential part of his character. Scott is a genuinely admirable, generous person, one for whom compassion and fundamental decency are second nature.

In public matters as well as private, Scott is devoted to service. He is proud of his son's service to the nation as a U.S. Marine and, as his letter to former President Bush makes clear (see attached), there is a great deal about his own efforts on behalf of the nation of which he is proud. Scott, then, is a man of authentic good character who has labored much for his country, his loved ones, and those whom he sees are in need. In this context, the losses that he has suffered—his public reputation, career opportunities, and (most painfully) the suffering and humiliation of his family—constitute a weighty and enduring penalty. As I mentioned, Scott and I have often spoken lately, and there is no question that he has learned from his experience. He is a serious man of faith, and throughout this experience his constant point of departure has been an introspective one in which the spiritual import of events and the need to learn has been taken most seriously. It is my firm belief that he has indeed learned, and that the public good would be best served if Scott remained with his family, providing for them, comforting them, and directing his energies to the service of others.

I appreciate the attention given to this letter and, if desired, I am happy to provide any additional information. Thank you, as well, for all your good labors.

Respectfully yours,

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David M. Whalen
Associate Provost, Professor of English



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The Special Counsel

October 20, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

"No one likes the bearer of bad news," wrote the Greek poet Sophocles. As the head of your executive branch watchdog organization, The Office of Special Counsel (OSC), I have often been required to be the bearer of bad news but also of good results. I write to thank you for the opportunity to serve in this important accountability role, and to announce that I will be resigning as of the end of my five-year term, January 5, 2009.

The OSC protects those who shine the light on illegality or wasteful management – whistleblowers or lamplighters of liberty. These "ordinary heroes" (as we have called them) take their jobs in their hands when they report the misconduct of officials, or disclose unsafe conditions. OSC proudly protects them when they experience reprisal.

I speak proudly of working with brave citizens like Anne Whiteman, Leroy Smith, Bobby Boutris, and Doug Peters--ordinary heroes who put their jobs and well being on the line. We gave these individuals our Public Servant of the Year award to recognize their superior service to our country at great expense to themselves and their families. And there are many other ordinary people who have made a difference with their brave disclosures, too numerous to mention here, though I have written about them to you in the last five years.

During this same time, the OSC has made unprecedented progress in eliminating case backlogs left by previous administrations, backlogs severe enough to have warranted a critical report from the General Accountability Office. Not only have we effectively processed these backlogs, but we have increased our caseload capacity, resulting in a 400 percent increase in substantiated whistleblower disclosures and stepped-up enforcement of job rights for military service members. As the proud father of a United States Marine who has served three tours of duty in Iraq, I am especially pleased that we have protected our service members from discrimination or loss of jobs and benefits simply because they were called to duty in the Reserve or Guard, and of the record twenty-five percent rate of full corrective action OSC obtained for them over the last few years.

The OSC has also recently completed investigations into the Federal Aviation Administration, resulting in much-needed oversight and changes for passenger safety and greater airline safety compliance, as well as significant oversight of our air traffic control system. Our work on defective New Orleans levee pumps prompted a new, independent investigation aimed at preventing another disaster like that of Hurricane Katrina. The OSC continues to investigate alleged violations of the Hatch Act -- the politicization of government functions -- and through our enforcement in this area government employees are more aware of their obligations to avoid bringing partisan politics into the workplace.

As you well know, doing the right thing can result in much criticism and controversy from every side. I am proud to have enforced your stated policy goal of upholding the rule of law, enforcing the law as it was written, not according to fads or special interest pressure. Most of all, I am proud of the professionals who work at OSC and who have made great strides to help government operate to the best of its ability and who continue to advocate for those who have no voice and nowhere else to turn.

It has been an honor to serve in your administration, to embrace the duties you entrusted to me and to carry out the oath I took before Justice Thomas and before God. With honesty, honor, and commitment, I have sought to execute the responsibilities of this office without regard to interest groups, partisan concerns or pressures from outside the law.

Thank you for this honor and opportunity; and I wish you and your family all the blessings of the Almighty and peace in the coming years.

Sincerely,

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Scott J. Bloch
Special Counsel

5. Anne R. Whiteman, Government Employee

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June 28, 2010

Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
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Dear Judge Robinson:

Re: Scott J. Bloch, Case No: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1

I write this letter in the hope that I might shed light on the type of individual Scott Bloch exhibited himself to be when our paths crossed while he was serving as Special Counsel. I met Scott Bloch in 2005, after my disclosing serious safety violations at the Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) at DFW Airport. I retired as a supervisor at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Traffic Control Tower in September of 2009 after working for the Federal Government for 32 years, most of the time for the Federal Aviation Administration. When I met Scott I had worked as an air traffic controller for 23 years and had spent the prior 7 years tirelessly working to have my concerns regarding air traffic safety addressed. Near mid-air collisions were going unreported, and the safety of every passenger that flew in or out of the DFW area was being compromised.

When I think of the many people who helped me in my long, stressful, and often unrewarding efforts to uncover and correct the alarming problems at DFW, Scott Bloch stands out. When no one else believed, understood, or could comprehend the situation, which was transpiring at DFW, Scott Bloch took a keen, unpopular and sincere interest. As an example of his dedication to my case and his mindset, I once overheard him remind his staff in a meeting at the Dallas Office of Special Counsel that the easy cases are not the ones you are remembered for, rather those cases that are the most difficult are the most rewarding and perhaps the real reason their very office is in existence.

Despite overwhelming evidence substantiating my disclosures, it was easier for agencies and individuals to walk away, rather than address the dangers facing passengers flying through DFW. I first reported the wrongdoing within the FAA (all the way to the top), thereafter I reported it to other agencies including the TSA, the DFW Airport Police, the FBI, two Secretaries of Transportation, a Senator of Texas, my Congressman (who did become involved), and the DOT's Office of the Inspector General to name a few. Scott Bloch is the one individual that took decisive steps to prevent a disaster waiting to happen.

With Scott on my side, my concerns were at last heard, and I felt certain my seven-year effort had not been a waste. I now felt as if I had a voice. He showed tenacity and integrity in his unremitting efforts to tackle a difficult subject. If my small voice can perhaps speak loud once again, it is critical that you know the Scott Bloch I met with over and over was as dedicated, respectful and hardworking a public servant as any person I dealt with during this ordeal. He and I worked together seamlessly to procure a safer air traffic control system. Our efforts were undertaken openly and honestly and without regard for our careers. It was not a particularly popular stance we were taking, despite overwhelming proof, no one was willing to accept that the very agency that was charged with ensuring safety was in fact compromising safety. Scott took on this challenge with courage and conviction and without self-interest. The outcome of the investigation was out of our hands as it lay in the hands of the DOT OIG to investigate and report its findings. Their first report concluded that a seven-year practice of covering up operational errors (some of them near mid air collisions) had taken place.

When in spite of this report, behavior didn't change, only the method of covering up the incidents, I disclosed the continued dangerous practices and wrongdoing. Scott ordered another investigation. A portion of this second report reads: "management's conduct showed a willingness to 'manipulate evidence and render unreasonable determinations favorable to controllers, but detrimental to aviation safety'". The DOT OIG investigated and reported their findings, but Scott was the one that demanded answers when the FAA lied, he demanded answers when the FAA was less than honest, he demanded answers when promises rang hollow, he demanded answers, not for himself or for me, but for the sake of the flying public.

It pained and saddened me to hear about Scott's guilt, and I do not condone his behavior. The commission of this one careless and senseless act, however, does not diminish the respect I have for him and what he did for this country. Scott knows he let many people down and although all should be held accountable for their actions, I think his conscience will do its job. Harsh punishment will perhaps hurt his ability to continue helping others as he so willingly and courageously did in our case. It is also my hope that his family will not have to suffer further. I never had a conversation with Scott when he didn't mention his family and he never failed to ask about mine. I am sure Scott's foremost concern right now is his family and his regret that they have to go through this with him.

Lest the naysayers become suspect in my support of Scott, he and his team at the OSC were never able to do anything about my personal losses. As is typical of most whistleblowers, I lost plenty. I am proud to have worked with him in this endeavor, which culminated in a complete revamping of the air traffic control system, which hopefully has saved countless lives. It is my hope that someday I might be remembered for doing the right thing. I would never have been given that chance had I not found the one individual in the federal government that was willing to take a chance on me for the sake of public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anne R. Whiteman". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid.

Anne R. Whiteman

6. James E. Morgan, Financial Advisor

James E. Morgan, Jr.
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June 30, 2010

Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Scott J. Bloch, Case No: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1

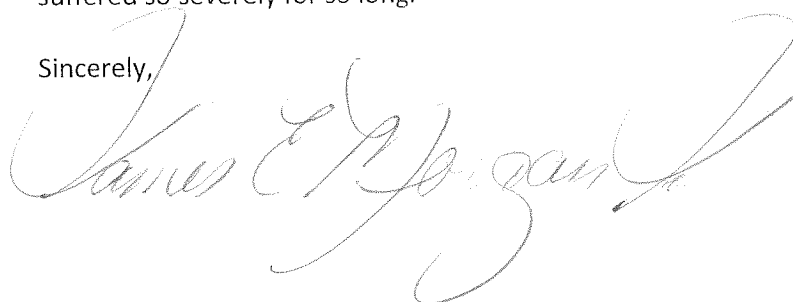
Dear Judge Robinson:

My name is Jim Morgan and I am a financial advisor with NYLIFE Securities. I met Scott when he first came to Washington, D.C. and over time because of many common interests we became very close friends. I moved to Fort Mill, South Carolina four years ago but because I have so many clients in the Washington, D.C. area I am in town regularly and this has allowed Scott and me to remain close. As his friend, I have observed Scott in his many roles as a husband and father of seven children, as a man very active in both his community and his church, as an author, as an attorney. As Special Counsel, Scott cleaned up years of back log in cases. The whistleblower cases that Scott had the courage and integrity to tackle had too long been ignored. I for one feel safer on an airplane because of actions taken by Scott. There are many such cases where real people needed the help of the Special Counsel and Scott stepped up without personal regard for his own career by pursuing cases that were for him not politically expedient. Scott is a man who can be counted on to do the right thing in very difficult situations.

As a close friend I am fully aware of all the circumstances regarding Scott's guilty plea, of the circumstances leading up to it and Scott's feeling of remorse. I am also personally aware how terribly Scott and his family have suffered because of these events. Scott has suffered not only emotionally and financially but has suffered through the anguish of watching his good name constantly discredited in the press and other public venues. Along with all of this of course, Scott has lost clients and professional opportunities that certainly have affected his financial ability to provide for his large family at a time when he has been severely decapitalized by enormous legal fees.

I ask Your Honor that you please grant Scott a sentence of probation, because Scott and his family have suffered so severely for so long.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James E. Morgan, Jr.", written in dark ink.

7. Alan Hicks, Principal, St. Mary, Star of the Sea School



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Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

Your Honor,

I write regarding the character of Scott Bloch and of my association with him.

I have known Scott and his wife Cathy for close to thirty years. I met Scott while I was a young Assistant Instructor in College and he was one of my students. Since then I have remained in close contact with him and with his family. My wife and I are Godparents to his young daughter.

If I had to sum up my estimation of Scott's character I would say that he is a generous person who has a strong sense of service to others and to his family. I speak here from personal experience. Over the many years of our association Scott has performed many hours of legal work on my behalf and on behalf of various non-profit organizations with which I have been involved, all without a thought for compensation. While I was the Headmaster of a private secondary school Scott served on my Board of Advisors and clearly spent more time than all the other advisors combined in service to our school.

I know that Scott also has a strong sense of service to his country, which led him to Washington D.C. in 2001. Despite the difficulties that Scott has experienced, which I know have caused hardship for both Scott and his family, he has remained very positive regarding the workings of government. In his contact with me he has shown no bitterness toward the legal process in regards to his case, while accepting responsibility for any indiscretion on his part.

Sincerely,

Alan Hicks

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8. Nancy Brune, Legal Secretary

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July 2, 2010

The Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Scott J. Bloch
Case No.: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1

Dear Judge Robinson:

I am writing on behalf of Scott J. Bloch. I have been a legal secretary for 37 years, and it was my pleasure to work with Scott for approximately eighteen (18) of those years while he was an associate and partner at Stevens & Brand Law Firm in Lawrence, Kansas. During that time, I came to love Scott and his family. He was not just a boss, he was a special friend. When Scott left Lawrence for his position in Washington, I was very happy for him, but sad to see him go because I truly enjoyed working with him. I feel like Scott is one of the most honest, conscientious people that I know. I would not hesitate to ask him to represent me or refer a friend to him if they were in need of legal assistance.

I believe Scott cares very much about doing the right thing and about helping people that need help. If a friend or relative, or someone less fortunate and down on their luck needed assistance, he was always willing to help them. When my husband was terminated from his job after twenty years, Scott took time out of his busy schedule to meet with him and offer advice and assistance.

Scott has always worked hard to improve people's lives. I believe as Special Counsel, Scott wanted to make a difference in people's lives and promote fair treatment of workers. I understand that Scott has plead guilty and is accepting full responsibility for having done things he should not have done. Knowing Scott, I believe he has acknowledged this guilt because ethically he felt it was the right thing to do. Scott loves his family and wishes to protect them as best he can from any further embarrassment. I believe he also hopes that with this behind him, he can focus on spending more quality time with his family.

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I know that we all make mistakes, and Scott has acknowledged that he made a mistake. I also believe that Scott has learned from this, and would not make the same mistake again. As I stated previously, I feel he is one of the most honest, ethical people I know, and believe that he can and will continue to help others if allowed to do so.

I appreciate your taking the time to consider leniency when sentencing Scott.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Brune". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Nancy Brune

9. Kerry and Linda Weinmaster, Friends

Scott Bloch

Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Court for the District of Columbia,
333 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Scott J. Bloch, Case No: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1

July 5, 2010

Dear Judge Robinson,

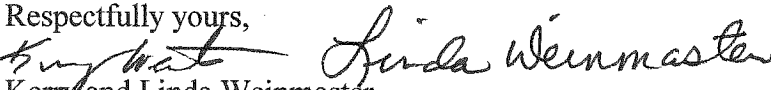
We have known Scott Bloch on a personal level for 10 years. We met through a close mutual friend and neighbor on a social level. We have found Scott to be a very loyal, honest and trustworthy friend and have enjoyed knowing him and following his family and career.

Scott has helped many in his professional life as well as personal life and he will continue to be a benefit those who surround him in his private life and hopefully professionally. The loss of his credibility in the public eye, his credentials, future professional opportunities and the expense both personal and monetary will effect him for the rest of his life.

We continue to respect and support Scott as he accepts responsibility for his wrong doings and expresses a strong sense of remorsefulness and sorrow. We truly believe that he has suffered extensively for his actions. As a strong man of faith and his devotion to his family, we believe the best sentence for the welfare of Scott and his family would be probation. Scott's family has suffered greatly and the hardship will only increase if Scott is sentenced to jail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,


Kerry and Linda Weinmaster
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10. Christopher C. Bouquet, Attorney



The Law Office of
Christopher C. Bouquet, PLLC

Christopher C. Bouquet
Attorney at Law

July 7, 2010

Honorable Magistrate Judge
Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Scott J. Bloch, Case No: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1

Dear Judge Robinson:

This letter concerns the character and professionalism of Mr. Scott Bloch.

I first met Scott approximately five years ago at St. Louis church in Alexandria, Virginia. Since then, I have attended a number of meetings of a group that Scott founded to discuss a wide variety of moral, social, political and historical issues. I also worked closely with Scott on the church's capital campaign. My wife has worked with his wife and daughters in a church ministry to teenage girls. While at St. Louis, Scott and his family were known as pillars of our church community. They have also become dear friends. Based on many hours of interactions with Scott over the years, I can say without any hesitation that he is a man of deep faith and integrity.

After Scott left government, I engaged him to assist me in my law practice with a wide variety of legal tasks, including especially the analysis and drafting of complex contract provisions. I have been greatly impressed by his ability to formulate scenarios that might give rise to client liability, research applicable law and recommend contract language to cover the potential liability. We have also worked as co-counsel on several litigation matters. In these cases, the breadth of his experience and skills as a litigator was evident. I was also impressed by his ability to formulate and articulate themes and strategies for the cases. In his specialty of employment law, Scott is a master. I have referred and will continue to refer employment law matters to him.

In summary, Scott is a good man and an able lawyer. I am honored to have him as a friend and I am confident that he will continue to make significant positive contributions to his community and the legal profession.

Sincerely,

Christopher C. Bouquet

11. Andrew R. Ramirez, Attorney

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July 9, 2010

The Honorable Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Scott J. Bloch
Case No.: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1

Dear Judge Robinson:

I am writing on behalf of my friend and former law partner, Scott J. Bloch, whom I have known since he first began practicing law in Lawrence, Kansas in 1986.

In my capacity as a member of the Kansas Board for the Discipline of Attorneys, I have had occasion to read many character reference letters for attorneys who placed themselves on the wrong side of an ethics complaint. I know that such letters are often filled with inaccurate assumptions about the nature of the complaint at the bar. I therefore make no pretense that I understand the facts that led to Scott J. Bloch's guilty plea.

I do know that Scott J. Bloch has been a conscientious attorney who has continually worked to protect the legal interests of his clients. In his private practice, he has exhibited those qualities which we wish all attorneys to have, including compassion for his client; fidelity to the law; and sacrifice of self in the interest of clients. I also know that Scott has been a fierce advocate for justice. Therefore, since he has entered a guilty plea, he must believe in his own guilt. With that belief comes a great deal of remorse and regret from the man I know and respect.

Scott J. Bloch is a very intelligent man, which may sometimes be mistaken for arrogance. I know Scott to be a humble person who respects the rights and opinions of others, even as he vigorously defends the principles he believes. I have also found Scott to be generous with his many talents, including his legal expertise, as he has represented many indigent individuals who could not find another lawyer to assist them.

When Scott announced that he would be leaving private practice to work in the public sector, his friends and colleagues were proud, but also surprised. He left a lucrative

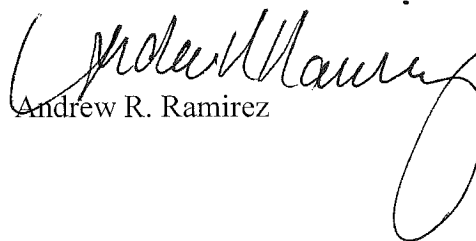
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private practice in pursuit of service to his government. I followed the news of his tenure in Washington D.C. with great concern that Scott J. Bloch, the idealist, would be overwhelmed by the challenges of working in the highest levels of government. Over the course of time, those concerns were realized. Scott's interpretation of the law resulted in a situation that caused him to make serious errors in judgment. Scott has expressed deep regret for those mistakes, and I believe him to be sincere.

In imposing a sentence in this matter, I ask the court to consider the many good things that Scott J. Bloch has done in his life. He has zealously represented the interests of ordinary citizens in the State and Federal Courts. He has been a mentor to young attorneys who have learned how to practice law in a small midwest law firm. He has been an educator and an author teaching respect for social order and moral principles. He has been a good husband and father. He has been my friend, someone on whom I could depend for help and guidance at any time.

Please be lenient in your sentencing of Scott J. Bloch. He has, I assure you, punished himself enough.

Very truly yours,



Andrew R. Ramirez

12. Tim and Patty Allen, Friends

Scott J. Bloch

Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah A. Robinson
United States District Magistrate Judge

United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave., N. W. Washington, D. C. 20001

Re: Scott J. Bloch, Case No: 1:10-mj-00215-DAR-1

Your Honor,

We are writing to you on behalf of our friend, Scott Bloch. We have known Scott for 23 years. Scott and Tim met each other when Scott was just starting in private practice in Lawrence, Kansas. A mutual friend introduced the two of them and they became close friends very quickly. Tim and Scott are very similar in character, both hard working Mid Westerners and deeply loyal. Tim and Scott have been business partners in real estate for two decades. They have been tight friends through thick and thin.

Scott stays with our family every time he travels to Kansas. We have been in close communication with Scott during his entire time in Washington D.C. We feel that we have a good understanding of Scott's troubles.

As close personal friends we will see Scott and his family through this time. We know that Scott has learned a lot. We know from long late night conversations that Scott, "Gets It". He gets where he went wrong and is completely humbled by the negative experience. We know Scott has made mistakes concerning the law. We feel that Scott's positive character traits of being a strong family man, a devoted grandson, honest, loyal, and trustworthy will continue no matter what the outcome of this sentencing.

Tim is a commercial developer. The last two+ years have been hell for business. Scott was having trouble in his professional life at the same time. Even though Scott was having a very hard time personally, he called Tim, sometimes daily, to listen and be a supportive friend. Tim needed Scott and Scott was there. Business is still rough but the silver lining is finding out who are your true friends.

We ask that you take all of Scott's positive traits into consideration. Scott is truly regretful and humble. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to speak on behalf of our friend, Scott Bloch.

Respectfully Yours,



Tim and Patty Allen