

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

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
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v.)	No. 1:08-CR-215-CKK
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EMERSON V. BRIGGS,)	
Defendant.)	
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NOTICE OF FILING OF SENTENCING LETTERS

We respectfully submit, for the Court's consideration before sentencing, the attached letters in support of Emerson Briggs.

Respectfully submitted,

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November 21, 2008

Linda A. Briggs

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September 4, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
United States District Judge
United States District Court
For the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: United States v. Emerson Vincent Briggs

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly:

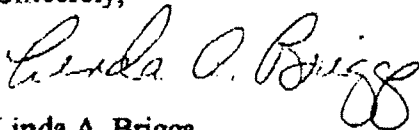
I am writing this letter in support of my husband Emerson V. Briggs III. While I do not approve in any way of what he did more than two and one-half years ago, I believe that he is truly ashamed and remorseful about his past actions. When he lost his job at [Redacted] because of his behavior, he immediately began going to counseling. He has attended counseling regularly since that time. Through this intervention he has gained considerable insight into his behavior, and has consciously tried to be a better man, and a better husband.

Emerson has always endeavored to be a good husband, a good son, and a model citizen. We have been married 9 years and dated for 2 years prior to that. One of the things that first impressed me about Emerson was how much he cared about his family. When we first met, his aunt was dying of cancer in Connecticut. He was very concerned about her, and also about his mother, his aunt's sister. His concern for his mother's welfare continued long after his aunt's death. He called her weekly, and we visited during holidays, and in the summer. In addition, he sent her money regularly to help her live more comfortably than she could have on her meager school secretary salary.

Emerson has also helped our community by volunteering his legal expertise to assist civic groups voice their concerns about plans for new development in the area and attempts to change zoning. He is a well-respected member of the community.

Please consider all the good things that Emerson has done in his life, and the efforts he has undertaken to assure that he will not become involved in any further actions that would be considered inappropriate or illegal.

Sincerely,



Linda A. Briggs

Kenneth M. and Nancy N. [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

September 3, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
United States District Judge
United States District Court
For the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: United States v. Emerson Vincent Briggs

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly:

This letter is in support of Emerson Briggs who we have known for 10 years and who has been our son-in-law for eight years. During that time he has been helpful to everyone in our extended family and has always been of good character. He has also taken part in community issues, providing pro bono services to various organizations. The offense for which he has determined to plead guilty is totally out of character. We understand that he has been attending counseling for some time and has taken responsibility for his mistake and is genuinely ashamed of his behavior. We hope that Emerson's contributions to others will be taken into account in his punishment.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. [Redacted]

Kenneth M. [Redacted]

Nancy N. [Redacted]
Nancy N. [Redacted]

November 14, 2008

The Hon. Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
United States District Judge
United States District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: U.S. v. Emerson Briggs, No. 08-CR-215

Dear Judge Kotelly:

I have known Emerson Briggs for over ten years. He is married to my sister Linda [REDACTED] Briggs. He is known as Uncle Rusty to my three children. He has been a part of our family since 1999 when he and my sister married.

Rusty has spent time with my wife, my children, and me as part of our family gatherings and holiday celebrations, birthdays, and other family occasions throughout the years. I recognize that some families only get together once or twice a year, but our family has always gotten together many times during the year, and Rusty has joined us on essentially all of these gatherings throughout his years of marriage to Linda. Additionally, Linda and Rusty have attended several religious events for our children, including [REDACTED] First Communion and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Confirmations. They've always been a willing part of family celebrations for birthdays, graduations, anniversaries and holidays.

In addition, he and my sister have occasionally taken them on special outings to celebrate birthdays, etc. My daughter [REDACTED] now 18, has been to several sporting events with them, including professional baseball and soccer games, for example. My son [REDACTED] now 20, has snow skied with them several times. They took my youngest daughter [REDACTED] now 14, to a water park for one of her birthdays. All three have enjoyed visiting and playing in Linda and Rusty's backyard pool as well as boating, jet skiing and other recreational activities. .

Throughout all this time, my wife and I have never had a concern for their safety or well-being while in their care. After we learned of the legal situation, we spoke with all three children separately, and all three affirmed that Uncle Rusty never did anything that was inappropriate. They continue to support him, and they say they wish to continue to be in communication with him, even if that means visiting him in a faraway prison. They love him, and they are willing to forgive him, believing that he has the strength of character to rehabilitate himself.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Mark [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]