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November 17, 2015

The Honorable Catherine D. Perry  
United States District Judge  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

RE: United States of America v Michael Saracino, Cause No. 414-cr250

Dear Judge Perry:

The purpose of this letter is to provide my humble insight regarding the Saracino Family and their support of Defendant Michael Saracino, as you move toward sentencing in the above captioned case.

I have had the pleasure to get to know the Saracino Family over the past twelve years, and believe them to be an honorable family led by Mr. Bart Saracino Sr., and his four sons, to include Mr. Michael Saracino Sr., father of Michael Jr. With regard to Michael's offense, I will offer no excuse, but to say that I believe that he has the benefit of having a strong family surrounding him, who will provide the right type of support, and demand accountability from him as he moves from the tragic decisions that he alone bears the responsibility for. It is because of the strength, example and guidance of Michael's family, particularly his father and uncles that I am providing my insight for your consideration.

I remain confident that whatever decision you render in this matter, it is the right decision, and you enjoy my full support.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colonel Jon M. Belmar".

COLONEL JON M. BELMAR  
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October 8, 2015

Honorable Catherine D. Perry  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
TFE Courthouse, 111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Louis, MO 63102

Re: U.S. v. Michael Saracino, et al., 4:14CR250 CDP

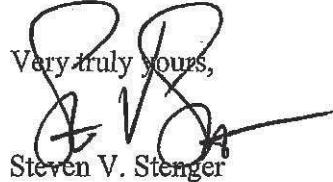
Dear Judge Perry:

I met Michael Saracino over six years ago while dining at Bartolino's South, one of his family's three restaurants. I was immediately struck by Michael's kind personality and his interaction with customers. When dining at Bartolino's with my wife and family, Michael very often served us. His personality is such that he provides excellent service to all of his customers. Further, Michael expanded his role in the restaurant, and has taken over management of the business with the help and assistance of his father.

Michael realizes that he has committed a serious crime. Since being charged in this matter, he has made every effort to rehabilitate himself. He has matured both in his professional life and in his personal life by concentrating on the restaurant business and his family, particularly his son. In addition, Michael plans to marry his childhood sweetheart in January of 2016.

Michael understands and accepts full responsibility for his actions, but also is aware that he must disassociate himself from those who would participate in illegal activity. He has made every effort to move forward in a positive way, and has done so with the full support of his family and fiancé. I believe that he will continue to move forward in this positive direction.

Based on my experience with Michael and his family, I respectfully request that you grant him leniency in your sentencing for the crimes he has committed. I believe that, as stated above, Michael has shown that he understands and accepts that his behavior was wrong; that he has made significant changes to rehabilitate his life; that he has focused on his family and his work, and that he has had and will continue to have the full support of his family throughout this process. Thus, I respectfully request your consideration for leniency in the sentencing of this matter.

  
Very truly yours,  
Steven V. Stenger

The Honorable Catherine D. Perry  
United States District Court Judge  
Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse  
111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Saint Louis, Missouri 63102

Re: United States of America v. Michael Saracino  
Cause No: 4:14-cr-250 CDP

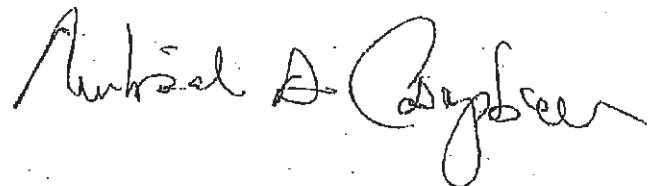
Your Honor:

My name is Michael A. Campbell and I am a Roman Catholic priest. I have known Michael Saracino and his family since 1993 both as a friend and as a minister. During this time I have seen Michael Saracino grow and mature, those days have been both good and bad.

Michael has spoken with me many times about his crimes and has acknowledged his guilt, his regret and his full pledge of moving forward with his life and in his relationships with his son, fiancé and family. Through these events in his life, as grievous as they are, Michael has matured and developed into a loving and compassionate father, supportive husband and a productive citizen. I remember very well when his son was born and the child was experiencing severe difficulties so much so that his life was in danger. Michael reacted with strength, love and a father's compassion. He continues to be a great father accepting the responsibilities of raising a child. He is a fully engaged dad.

In addition, I have seen Michael at his work. In his various positions he always works well with others, taking advice and correction, giving leadership, offering fresh ideas and willing to assist when he sees the need. He is an obvious leader and partner in his business. His presence makes a difference.

You Honor, I pray that this short letter has expressed my knowledge of Michael Saracino as well as my admiration for him and my hope for his future.

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