

EXHIBIT "A"

Dear Judge Walker,

My conviction has severely damaged and embarrassed me and my family, friends, former constituents, community, church, the legislature, and the State of Alabama. For this, I am sincerely sorry and respectfully ask for forgiveness from everyone affected.

An examination of my life and public service prior to trial reveals a strong record of hard work, dedication, job creation, success in business, and a representation of our community. I worked for over a decade to bring about monumental political change in order to improve our state. Included in that change was sweeping ethics reform with which I was determined to comply. The fact that I was convicted of violating the ethics law of which I oversaw the drafting and passing is embarrassing, and I apologize to the Court.

I recognize and admit my errors, and I apologize for the many hardships and tears it has caused my family to endure. I apologize to my employees whose livelihoods have now been thrown into uncertainty. Furthermore, I also apologize to the citizens of Alabama, particularly those living in Lee County.

I realize that this situation has only further damaged the public trust placed in elected officials and, as the Court stated in its Order, "harm[ed] society as a whole." I take responsibility for my mistakes, and should the Court be inclined to grant my release, I will use the opportunity to rebuild trust with those who have lost faith in me and the entire political system.

Being incarcerated for the past year has been the most humbling experience of my life. The worst part is being separated from my wife and two sons, as well as my friends, colleagues, and church family. Almost as frustrating, depressing, and discouraging is not being able to be productive. I have always strived to be a team-builder and a job-creator. If afforded this opportunity, I can and will be a productive citizen again. But more importantly, I am resolved to emerge from this experience a better man.

I sincerely ask this Court to allow me the opportunity to turn my faith, my talents, and my passion to make a positive impact on our community and people's lives.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Hubbard