

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
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v.	)	Criminal No. 21-cr-00035-RC
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CLAYTON RAY MULLINS,	)	
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Defendant.	)	
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DEFENDANT’S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

Defendant Clayton Ray Mullins, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this memorandum and support letters for his sentencing on January 17, 2024. As of today, Clayton has successfully complied with the Court’s release orders for 1044 days. That is more than 149 weeks, more than 34 months and almost three years since his release on March 2, 2021 by Chief Judge Howell. (ECF No. 11 / 21-mj-00233-RMM). For more than 13 months, Clayton faithfully followed the restrictions of home detention until April 5, 2022, when Judge Sullivan placed him on a curfew (Minute Order). Based on this history of pretrial compliance and the *sui generis* factors applied under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1), a downward variant sentence of 12 months home confinement is appropriate.

I. PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORT (PSR)

As an initial matter, the final PSR filed on January 5, 2024 (ECF No. 405) does not recommend a two-point enhancement, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3A1.3, for restraint of victim. We agree with this position and ask the Court to follow suit. Clayton never had control over Officer A.W. as he briefly tried to pull him away from a violent assault.

Counsel’s objections to the PSR can be found on page 27. There are two adjustments we

respectfully ask the Court to make that will bring the total offense level to 18. With zero criminal history points - Category I - the guideline range is 27 to 33 months.

First, Clayton is the only one of the remaining eight co-defendants who has *not* been found guilty of 18 U.S.C. § 111(b) (assault of an officer causing serious bodily injury or use of a dangerous weapon) (Co-Defendant Lopatic died in 2022, PSR at p. 12, ¶ 47). Clayton pled guilty to a lesser included offense (§ 111(a)(1)) because he did not cause the injuries that would support the five-level increase pursuant to USSG § 2A2.2(b)(3)(B). The signed plea agreement shows the intent of the parties was “Bodily Injury” and “+3” (ECF No. 355 at p. 3).

The second adjustment relates to a two-level decrease under USSG § 4C1.1(a), Chapter Four Adjustment Zero-Point Offender, effective November 1, 2023. This provision was not available to the parties when they signed the plea agreement last August but paragraph 10.E. (Id. at p. 8) gives Clayton the right to file a motion under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a sentence modification based on subsequent reduction of a guideline range by the Sentencing Commission. In the interests of judicial economy, we ask the Court to address this issue at sentencing. As shown above, Clayton did not cause the officer’s serious bodily injury and his vigorous efforts to free the officer from a violent assault does not exclude him from this new provision of mercy.

II. STATUTORY FACTORS - 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)

A. Nature of Offense - § 3553(a)(1)

Clayton illegally climbed the United States Capitol steps and assaulted an officer on January 6, 2021. He accepts responsibility for his unlawful behavior. The following information does not excuse his misconduct but is humbly offered for mitigation.

When mayhem erupted on the Capitol steps, Clayton chose charity, not malice, to aid the distressed souls around him. Surprised by the tumult, a lifelong instinct to serve others drove him to help people in peril. Unlike his co-defendants, Clayton had no rage or battle armor. Clayton did not target or taunt the police officers.

As an AUSA in DC during the 1990's, counsel papered and prosecuted hundreds of Assault on Police Officer (APO) cases. That experience engendered great respect for the women and men who risk their lives every day to protect us. Most APO defendants were enraged and / or drunk beyond all reason. On January 6th, Clayton was sober and somber. He tried to assist Roseanne Boyland who lay dying at the West Terrace Archway. A New York Times article shows Clayton just to the right of her friend Justin Winchell (bright blue coat) trying to help her.

www.nytimes.com/2021/01/15/us/rosanne-boyland-capitol-riot-death.html

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Clayton also helped others in the crowd who were being trampled. Thirty seconds later, Clayton tried to help MPD Officer A.W. by pulling him away from Co-Defendants Sabol, Jersey and McAbee who were beating him. The following timeline references videos from the body worn cameras (BWC) of MPD Officers A.W. and C.M. which use military time. These videos are covered by the Court's protective order and have been previously delivered to the Court.

Officer A.W. BWC Video - 13 minutes and 31 seconds duration:

- 16:25 - Officer A.W. reaches front line at Archway;
- 16:26 - People are piled up;
- 16:26:13 - Clayton renders aid to people on ground;
- 16:26:23 - Another view of Clayton helping others;
- 16:26:54 - Justin Winchel cries: "She's dead, she's dead!!"
- 16:26:55 - Clayton still helping others;
- 16:27:13 - Officer A.W. goes down;
- 16:27:50 - Co-Defendant McAbee is fighting officers right on top of Officer A.W. and then falls on him;
- 16:28:25 - Clayton is on other side of rail several feet away from Officer A.W.
- 16:28:41 - Officer A.W. is back on his feet near Archway.

Officer A.W. was on the ground for less than 90 seconds and remained on the top steps near the Archway. Clayton did not pull Officer A.W. down the steps. He did not fight Officer A.W. He watched him get up and return to his fellow officers.

Officer C.M. BWC Video - 18 minutes and 2 seconds duration:

- 16:24 - Officer C.M. reaches front line at Archway;
- 16:24:57 - Justin Winchell screams repeatedly: "There are people crushed here!!"

16:25:44 - Mr. Winchell pleads: “Get her up, please save her life!!”

16:27:31 - Officer A.W. is on the ground and Clayton is 10 feet away;

16:27:34 - Clayton is at the rail;

16:27:36 - Clayton reaches over the rail; Officer A.W.’s head is off the ground
BEFORE Clayton touches him and *BLOOD* is already visible on
Officer A.W.’s back collar;

16:27:50 - Co-Defendant McAbee is fighting officers at the front line.

Co-Defendants Sabol, Jersey and McAbee, who attacked Officer A.W. and threw him to the ground, caused Officer A.W. 's head wound. You can already see blood on Officer A.W.'s jacket collar upon Clayton's first encounter with him. As to Officer B.M., Clayton directed him to safety away from the maelstrom in the Archway. And Clayton certainly did not pull Officer B.M. down the Capitol steps

A Washington Post article published March 10, 2021 captures the moment that Clayton tries to pull Officer A.W. away from Co-Defendant McAbee. Clayton’s head is turned away because there is a rioter just above him swinging a hockey stick. That is why he could not see that another officer was trying to pull Officer A.W. into the Archway at the same time. Clayton released Officer A.W. when he realized that another officer was assisting him.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/police-assaults-capitol-riot-charges/2021/03/10/7b44ea2c-7b70-11eb-a976-c028a4215c78_story.html



This brief factual summary of these awful events on January 6th supports Clayton's account from day one that he was trying to help, not hurt Officers A.W. and B.M

B. Clayton's History and Characteristics - § 3553(a)(1)

There are now 90 letters of public support filed in this case from Claytons's family and friends. These direct descriptions from lifelong observers give the best insight into his history and characteristics. They show a man from humble honest roots who is law-abiding, hard-working, peaceful and always helping others in need. After an EF-4 tornado destroyed his hometown of Mayfield, Kentucky on December 10, 2021, killing 24 Graves County residents, Clayton volunteered his services and heavy equipment for months and years afterwards to help folks recover.

Clayton's letter to the Court shows the extreme remorse he carries for his conduct on January 6, 2021 (Exhibit 1). He admits that he was "energized" by the January 6th crowd but knows that he should have resisted the urge to get close to the Capitol. He is now "going through the toughest trials of his life...I am willing to make amends and follow the rule of law." (Id. at p. 1). He emphasizes that he has always supported law enforcement and first responders and helped them with "traffic accidents, tornado and ice storm disaster clean up (.)" (Id. at p. 2). After recounting his actions on January 6th (also submitted for PSR at p. 13, ¶ 58), he writes "I walked away from the Capitol that day a changed man. I was crying when I reached my family. In shock I said 'a woman got hurt and I tried to help her' and 'they were hitting and injuring the police officers and I was trying to help the police and get them to safety.'" (Ex. 1 at p. 3). His immediate reaction to the tragic events on the Capitol steps captures the soul-crushing impact on Clayton. He concludes "I now have a felony conviction of which shames me. I have asked my

Lord for forgiveness and want to personally ask the police officers for forgiveness for my involvement.” (Id. at p. 4).

In her letter (Exhibit 2), Clayton’s wife Nancy shares his grief and torment: “Our hearts break for the people harmed on that day and have never forgotten the ones that lost their lives. We have spent much time on our knees praying for the victims and asking God to forgive us for being a part of that tragic day.” She recounts specific instances of Clayton’s generous spirit in helping family members whose homes were destroyed by the tornado. She confirms his respect for the police and how he once assisted them in rounding up cattle and directing traffic after a wreck. Clayton has been especially helpful to Nancy’s elderly parents and been a steadfast life partner as she undergoes cancer treatment.

Retired Judge Gregory D. Pruitt expresses his great admiration for the Mullins family and knows Clayton to be “caring, loving, and supportive of others and his community.” (Exhibit 3) He believes that he has been “positive, committed, and helpful anytime he knew that someone was in need in any way.” Clayton is “intuitive to the needs of those around him.” Judge Pruitt cites his own limited mobility with a walker and describes Clayton’s focused attention: “While many are sympathetic or supportive in assisting me from time to time, very few are keenly aware of my risk. He, however, is literally standing close enough to assist immediately if needed. I believe Clayton certainly attempts to be that attentive and helpful to anyone around him who may have a similar need or weakness.”

Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent Robert Edward Dueker, Sr. is Clayton’s neighbor in Benton, Kentucky (Exhibit 4). He served in Vietnam as a Marine Pilot and spent 29 years with the Bureau. He writes that Clayton is an “honest, trustworthy, hard worker, and a devoted

husband...Clayton and his wife Nancy are the kind of neighbors everybody wants to have.” He says that “in the 14 years I have known Clayton, he has never been violent in any way and never promoted it in any way.”

Retired Deputy Sheriff Kelly E. Drew has known Clayton since they were high school farm boys picking tobacco, hunting and fishing (Exhibit 5). He is “dependable and trustworthy” and “loved by everyone.” He recalls how “Clayton was always helping our community and supporting our sheriff’s office 100 percent.” He cites a specific example of Clayton lending his business expertise to help with the investigation of a “large equipment theft ring that spanned several states.” He emphatically states that “Clayton Mullins is a great friend, husband, relative, neighbor, community member, businessman and person” who is “dependable, honest, loyal, committed and serving his community.”

The following family members have recently submitted letters for Clayton (Exhibit 6):

- 1) Robert Rohrer, Father-in-Law - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 2) Barry Newsome, Brother-in-Law - Graves County, Kentucky
- 3) Joe Skaggs, Brother-in-Law - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 4) James Gooch, Brother-in-Law - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 5) Brooke Smith, Niece - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 6) Tina Skaggs, Niece - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 7) Laken Clapp, Niece - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 8) Jaden Feagin, Great Niece - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 9) Kyle Feagin, Great Nephew - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 10) Joey Rogers, Nephew - Mayfield, Kentucky

The following friends and business associates sent recent letters for Clayton (Exhibit 7):

- 11) Michael Goode, Retired Deputy Sheriff - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 12) Cory Crowley, Business Owner - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 13) Paulette Spence, Retired Business Executive - Bertrand, Missouri
- 14) Danny Foy, Lifelong Friend - Wingo, Kentucky

The following letters from family and friends were filed on June 7, 2021 as exhibits to Defendant's Motion to Modify Conditions of Release (ECF No. 77):

Family (ECF No. 77-1):

- 15) Nancy Mullins, Wife - Benton, Kentucky
- 16) Tena Sisson, Sister - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 17) Judy Skaggs, Sister - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 18) Ricky Dale Mullins, Brother - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 19) Charlotte Ann Mullins, Sister-in-law - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 20) Angie Gooch, Sister-in-law - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 21) Stephanie Dawn Mullins Richards, Sister-in-law - Paducah, Kentucky
- 22) Kim Rogers, Niece - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 23) Andy Spraggs, Nephew - New Orleans, Louisiana

Friends (ECF No. 77-2):

- 24) Mark L. Crawford, M.D. - Paducah, Kentucky
- 25) Ben Crawford - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 26) Pastor Thomas Fortner - Trenton, Tennessee
- 27) Pastor Richard H. Heatherly - Portland, Tennessee

- 28) Pastor Chad Johnson - Russellville, Kentucky
- 29) Kyle Clayton - Finger, Tennessee
- 30) Jamey Clayton - Finger, Tennessee
- 31) David Baggett - Finger, Tennessee
- 32) Shanda Abbott - Wingo, Kentucky
- 33) Nicholas Dempsey - Benton, Kentucky

Friends (ECF No. 77-3):

- 34) Robert Mosley - Belton, South Carolina
- 35) Billy Duncan - Kentucky
- 36) Rick Johnson - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 37) Anita Parker - Kentucky
- 38) Carol Ramage - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 39) Dewayne McKnight - Murray, Kentucky
- 40) Hazel Brewer - Baltimore, Kentucky
- 41) Richard Tomlin - Center, Texas
- 42) Johnny Gossum - Columbus, Kentucky
- 43) Raymond E. McAlpin - Mayfield, Kentucky

Friends (ECF No. 77-4):

- 44) Belinda McCullough - Walker, Louisiana
- 45) Layta Kay Guthrie - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 46) Allene Skulina - Bardwell, Kentucky
- 47) Geneva Sullivan Wall - Mayfield, Kentucky

- 48) Don R. Holshouser - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 49) Lori Bunch - Wingo, Kentucky
- 50) Steven Bunch - Wingo, Kentucky
- 51) Joe Bunch - Wingo, Kentucky
- 52) Joshua H. Tabers - Murray, Kentucky.

The following letters from family and friends were filed on June 29, 2021 as exhibits to Defendant's Reply In Support of Motion to Modify Conditions of Release (ECF No. 80):

Family (ECF No. 80-1)

- 53) Janice Mullins Spraggs, Sister - Murray, Kentucky
- 54) Patricia & Bobby Rohrer, Paternal-In-Laws - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 55) Robert & Dana Rohrer, Sibling-In-Laws - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 56) Connie Newsome, Sister-In-Law - Farmington, Kentucky
- 57) Amber Spraggs, Niece - Murray, Kentucky
- 58) Colton Sisson, Nephew - Wingo, Kentucky
- 59) Corey Newsome, Nephew - Farmington, Kentucky
- 60) Victoria Prock, Cousin - Avon, Indiana

Friends (ECF No. 80-2)

- 61) Dr. Bobby J. Adams - Dyersburg, Tennessee
- 62) April Brown - Hixson, Tennessee
- 63) Danny L. Cope - Calvert City, Kentucky
- 64) Bettye E. Crawford - Mayfield, Kentucky
- 65) Chandra Davis - Mayfield, Kentucky

66) Don & Nancy Gossum - Mayfield, Kentucky

67) James Gossum - Mayfield, Kentucky

68) Brent & Cassie Graham - Harrisburg, Illinois

69) Greg Graves - Paducah, Kentucky

Friends (ECF No. 80-3)

70) David Graziano - Paducah, Kentucky

71) Branon Hardy - Gilbertsville, Kentucky

72) Kim Harris - Mayfield, Kentucky

73) Don R. Holshouser - Mayfield, Kentucky

74) Ross Howell - Gilbertsville, Kentucky

75) Seth Jones - Mayfield, Kentucky

76) Michael Jurglomies - Wingo, Kentucky

77) Jim Kimmel - Benton, Kentucky

78) Tanna Kimmel - Gilbertsville, Kentucky

Friends (ECF No. 80-4)

79) Linda LaTourelle King - Mayfield, Kentucky

80) Kim McGhee - Hickory, Kentucky

81) Thomas & Sandra Mock - Bertrand, Missouri

82) David Moore - Jackson, Tennessee

83) Jake Peeler - Farmington, Kentucky

84) Bobby Poat - Paducah, Kentucky

85) Teresa Rogers - Graves County, Kentucky

86) Clay Wagnon - Warren, Arkansas

We are most grateful for the Court's review and consideration of these 90 letters of support as it deliberates on Clayton's history and characteristics.

C. Avoidance of Unwarranted Sentence Disparities - § 3553(a)(6)

Since Clayton is the only surviving co-defendant in this case who has not been found criminally liable for a § 111(b) offense, we are stuck with comparing apples and oranges. The maximum sentence for Clayton's § 111(a) conviction is eight years, a significantly lower ceiling than the twenty years for § 111(b). Co-Defendant Barnhart, who has a criminal record including convictions for setting a vehicle on fire during a riot and a road rage incident where he pointed a gun at one driver, hit another driver in the face and left the scene, received the lowest sentence of 36 months from this Court (PSR at p. 12, ¶ 49; ECF No. 284 at p. 27). Unlike Clayton, Barnhart boasted of his January 6th exploits on social media. (*Id.*) And Barnhart's criminal acts in this case are much more egregious - he grabbed the neck of Officer's B.M.'s ballistic vest and dragged him down the steps headfirst in a prone position where he was assaulted by a flagpole and a baton. After assaulting Officer B.M., Barnhart charged up the steps to the police line and began beating the officers with a flagpole. (*Id.* at pp. 7 - 13). Again, it begs credulity to even compare Clayton with Barnhart but, given the greater 20 year offense, worst conduct and disturbing criminal history, Clayton should receive a substantially lower sentence than Barnhart.

The following defendants received sentences for assaultive conduct of less than one year:

- 1) Defendant Mark Jefferson Leffingwell, 21-cr-005-ABJ, (Statement of Offense, ECF No. 26) pled guilty to assaulting *two* officers (§ 111(a)(1)) *inside* the Capitol. The Court sentenced him to 6 months incarceration.

- 2) Defendant Matthew Council, 21-207-TNM (Statement of the Offenses, ECF No. 55) also pled guilty to assaulting an officer (§ 111(a)(1)) *inside* the Capitol. The government asked for 30 months imprisonment and the Court sentenced Mr. Council to 6 months of home detention.
- 3) Defendant Grayson Sherrill, 21-cr-282-TSC (Statement of Offense, ECF No. 104) pled guilty to assaulting an officer with a metal pole (§ 111(a)(1)) and then took that pole *inside* the Capitol. The government asked for 41 months and the Court sentenced Mr. Sherrill to 7 months incarceration.
- 4) Defendant David Alan Blair, 21-cr-186-CRC (Statement of Offense, ECF No. 51) pled guilty to Civil Disorder (18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3)) but his offense conduct included striking an officer in the chest with a lacrosse stick adorned with a Confederate battle flag. The Court sentenced Mr. Blair to 5 months in prison.

We respectfully submit to the Court that these cases of defendants assaulting officers *inside* the Capitol or outside with a pole and lacrosse stick are more egregious than Clayton's conduct. And in contrast to Clayton, these defendants targeted and attempted to injure or incapacitate officers.

We pray this Court will show mercy on Clayton Mullins.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 9th day of January, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing Memorandum with the Clerk of Court using the CM / ECF system, which will send an electronic notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras,

I first want to apologize for my actions on January 6. I am deeply sorry for the harm that came to the law enforcement on that day and the damage done to the Capitol. I was on the Capitol grounds unlawfully. I was involved in conduct that does not mirror my fifty-six years of life. I have always respected police officers my entire life and I am truly remorseful for my actions. The chaos on that day was unlike anything I have ever been a part of and will never be again. I was energized by the crowd and I should have resisted the urge to follow the crowd and get close to Capitol. Because I did not resist that urge I am now going through the toughest trials of my life. I hope to convey in this narrative my sincere remorse, how this conviction has impacted my life and to show I am willing to make amends and follow the rule of law.

I will start with my background. I was raised in rural Graves County, KY in a modest home on a small cattle farm. We had very little in regards to finances and some would consider us poor. We never knew that to be so due to our parents providing for our basic needs and loving us. I was a raised by good hardworking Christian parents that instilled in me Christian values. My mother, a homemaker, was 43 when she gave birth to me and my dad was 46. My dad was a WWII Army veteran. He was the strongest man I knew even till a few months of his death from metastatic colon cancer he was showing me up throwing heavy bales of hay up into a barn loft. I am the youngest with one older brother and 3 sisters living (one sister passed at age 3). My father succumbed to cancer at age 66 and I was the only one left at home to watch after my mother. We were very close and when she passed at age 85 a piece of me left with her. I took care of her even after I married and supported her financially due to my parents having no savings. I will never regret caring for my loving mother and feel I could have done so much more.

My history as far as employment began as a teenager working on tobacco farms and helping with cattle on our farm and in stockyards. I broke horses and developed a love for calf roping and would compete in local rodeos. I also in high school started working at a gas station in Mayfield, KY and working on vehicles, motorcycles, and ATV's to fix up and resale. Right after high school I began working at the Graves County PVA office for a short time and also got my apprentice auctioneer license. After that I began a business building pallets and distributing to local

businesses which grew successfully requiring hard labor and dedication to meet demands. In the year 2000, I married my high school sweetheart and we are still happily married. I then began buying heavy equipment and trucks at auctions all over the US and helped a new business in Tennessee develop into one of the largest used truck sales companies in the US. This allowed me to meet so many people and make many close friends but traveling kept me away from home a lot. Because being away from my wife and family and church was taking a toll on me I found some land to purchase in Graves County to start my own business of buying, repairing and selling all sorts of vehicles, semi-trucks, dump trucks, heavy equipment and watercraft. My business encounters have taken me all over United States and I have driven millions of miles and have never been in trouble with the law except for some speeding tickets. I have been a law abiding, tax paying citizen since I was very young.

My life has always been centered on the Lord due to my upbringing and my convictions. I have had many pastors and men of faith that have been my role models especially after my dad dying when I was young. Some have written character letters to you in support and some have passed on to heaven. I read God's word daily and try to live by His word and be a peace loving and a law abiding man. I have been leading the worship service at my church for many years and assist in finding preachers to fill in due to our small country church is without a pastor. I help oversee the church business and church grounds. I allowed our last pastor to live in my childhood home place for no charge many years. My church is a heavy burden on heart due to the fact I promised my mother and the Lord I would always support and take care of the church.

I have been a hard worker in everything I have tackled in life. I have always been a law abiding citizen and supported law enforcement and first responders and have went out of my way to assist them time and time again such as with traffic accidents, tornado and ice storm disaster clean up and giving to their various charities. I have friends in law enforcement and some have also written character letters on my behalf. Since a child in elementary and high school I have always tried to help the helpless such as in cases of bullying. Also helping people get their businesses established and give them financial support or advice on business decisions. I have friends all over the US that call me for advice on spiritual or business matters. I consider myself a people person and love and care for even strangers. On many occasions people that were in need of a job and desperate with no housing no matter their background I would give them a job and allow them to stay in a camper on my property. I seen they were helpless and in need. I wanted to give them an opportunity to help themselves and make a better life. I also presently allow a single man with very little family to live in my old home place rent free. He now has a successful job and is a member of my church.

Lastly in the area of background I want to say I love my country and have a special place in my heart for veterans. My dad never talked to us about fighting in WWII. My mom said he was a very different man when he came back. My brother also served in Vietnam. I also had many uncles that served in WWII. I will always be grateful for all veterans and service men and those that have lost their lives for this great country. I have paid for many veterans' meals anonymously at restaurants. I feel that is the least I can do to show I care for their sacrifice to our country.

I want to review with you what lead us to the Capitol on January 6th. I went with my sister and wife to see President Trump's last rally. We had always wanted to see a Trump rally and never took the time. We thought we would see his last speech as president and that would also give us an opportunity to see Washington, DC. We were very excited to finally see the President, the White House and monuments. During the rally President Trump began mentioning moving to the Capitol and everyone started moving and we followed. We stopped and looked at buildings along the way and talking with people and cheering. As we got closer to the Capitol there were men standing on a concrete ledge and on a tall speaker stand with a megaphone cheering and chanting for everyone to come over and get closer to the Capitol and support our country. And to my regret I decided to get closer and left my sister and wife behind. I wish to this day I would have stayed as I should have with my family. I should have never gotten so close to the Capitol building as I did or went with the crowd. When I got closer I seen people hollering for help on the ground getting trampled and I tried help them back up. While doing this I then got pushed just inside the archway. I knew I had to get out so I made my way to the wall on my left and at that point I will never forget the heart wrenching screams I heard. People were screaming "help her she is dying". I seen a young women on the ground injured. I knew I had to help her. I held the side of the building and shielded her body with my feet, legs and torso so she would not get trampled on anymore while calling for help. Finally people got her to the police and they carried her away. At that moment my heart sunk and I felt God was telling me to leave immediately, 'this is not right'. As I was struggling to protect the injured women I lost both my shoes and had to find them. After some time I found my shoes and crawled under the crowd to retrieve and quickly put them on. As the crowd was getting more intense and I was trying to leave I saw people hitting policemen with a hockey stick and flagpole and stomping and punching them. I thought they were going to kill them. A policeman was lying on the steps being beaten. I knew in my heart I had to help them. I tried to grab his leg but couldn't because of the men hitting and swinging at me and I was trying to dodge their swings. I finally did grab him successfully and tried to pull him from the beating but another person fell on top of him. He then was lifted up by someone and returned to the archway. Another officer was dragged down the steps. Someone lifted the officer to his feet. He was addled and stumbled forward toward the top of the steps and that is when I caught him. I yelled 'they are going to beat him back down again if he goes back up'. I did not want him to return to the abuse or 'Storm' at the top of steps. At that point the hitting and rioting became more intense. I told myself 'I have to get out of here'. I headed back to find my wife and sister.

I walked away from the Capitol that day a changed man. I was crying when I reached my family. In shock I said 'a woman got hurt and I tried to help her' and 'they were hitting and injuring

the police officers and I was trying to help the police and get them to safety'. We had to travel back home and I hardly said anything. It was a long quite somber ride reflecting on the young lady and officers that were injured and praying they were alright. I was hoping my actions helped those individuals I came in contact with. I said to myself I should have never been there and I have wished a thousand times since that I had never gone to Washington, D.C. on January 6th. It has put a scar in my like forever.

I have never broken the law or been abusive in my life. I didn't go to Washington with any intentions of causing harm and it never crossed my mind that riots would occur. I did not hit any police officers nor would I ever hit or abuse a member of law enforcement. It is not in my nature to strike a person to cause harm. I have seen on news some people preplanned their trip to Washington to start riots and cause harm. They had protective armor and carried weapons and every intention of causing havoc. I did not. We literally decided to go to Washington 1-2 days prior to leaving after my wife last minute asked for time off from work. I did not tell folks on social media like some did (I have no social media accounts) nor did I communicate in any way I was even going to the rally. I didn't brag to anyone I went to Washington after returning either like some did. We did not comment on the riots to anyone. In fact I was shameful for had gone and was involved in such a way and very remorseful for the ones that lost their lives and injured.

After almost three years since my arrest I have been compliant with the Courts demands of pretrial release. I have followed all the demands of my probation officer. I am very thankful to the Court for allowing me to continue to work to support my wife and my church. I have tried to continue with good deeds in my community and the following are a few examples. Our town on December 10, 2021 was devastated by an EF4 tornado. It destroyed our town and many homes including my sister's entire home and farm. It also destroyed my brother's shop and damaged their home. I was fortunate to offer my heavy equipment and also physical labor to people in need of disaster clean up. Our small town has not recovered to this day due to the extensive devastation. I also helped financially by funding a Christian Music benefit concert to assist tornado victims in Benton, KY. I have assisted police and first responders in at least four traffic accidents by directing traffic to keep officers and victims safe and in one case round up livestock from an overturned cattle trailer. One traffic accident was so horrible a young girl died which brought back terrible memories of January 6th and the young women who lost her life. I have helped my elderly mother and father-in-law with removing a dead tree that was going to cost several hundreds of dollars to remove and assist them with various home repairs that they are unable to perform. I had the privilege of singing at my ex-pastors funeral. This man was like my second father and would always call him to get spiritual advice. I will always be thankful that I sang his favorite song, *There is a River*, at his funeral. I have also visited with a church member that is house bound and in poor health to sing her favorite hymns. I have delivered kids Christmas gifts that are in need. I am so thankful to the

Court for allowing me leniency to perform the above deeds that helped so many. I was able to help businesses keep afloat and survive financially due to utilizing their services. I use truck drivers, mechanics, auto body workers, salvage recyclers and salesmen most every week at my business. In all, I support multiple households in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Since my arrest I have had time to reflect on my actions and what took place. I now have a felony conviction of which shames me. I have asked my Lord for forgiveness and want to personally ask the police officers for forgiveness for my involvement. I will ask Your Honor to have mercy during the sentencing decision. I pray whatever your decision I will ultimately regain respect and trust of my community, family, friends, and especially law enforcement. I am ready to accept the consequences for my actions and live the rest of my life as a law abiding citizen of the United States.

Sincerely,

Clayton Mullins

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras:

I am Nancy Mullins wife of Clayton Mullins. We have been married 23 years. Please refer to my previous letter I wrote in 2021 to Judge Sullivan (see below). I would like to express my deep apologies for our actions taken on 1/6/2021. We had no intentions of harm to any police or anyone for that matter. We went to see the President's last speech while in office and to visit Washington DC. That awful day has changed our lives forever. The past 2 ½ years have been a time examining our actions and asking our Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness and for His help and guidance. At times this has been extremely terrifying and heart wrenching due to the fact we have never been convicted of a crime and never thought we would be in such a position. Our hearts break for the people harmed on that day and have never forgotten the ones that lost their lives. We have spent much time on our knees praying for the victims and asking God to forgive us for being a part of that tragic day.

Since the arrest my husband has grown even closer to the Lord. We believe God our heavenly Father is sovereign and will chastise his children just as an earthly father would do when his children do wrong. Through this chastisement my husband has rededicated his life to the Lord. He is serving the Lord and has been a good Samaritan whenever possible. He has held his position as the song leader and coordinator of church business and services due to our church presently is without a pastor. Soon after his arrest and release our small Mayfield/Graves County community on 12/10/2021 suffered an EF4 tornado and resulted in horrific destruction and death. Our community has not to this day recovered. Clayton's sister lost her entire home and his brother had significant damage to his home. Clayton was involved with disaster cleanup of family and friends either by physically assisting or lending out his equipment to aid where needed and finding parts for residents to repair damaged vehicles. Clayton has also assisted friends in need such as a special lady needing expensive dental work to get much needed pain relief. She was most grateful to get the assistance. God has placed individuals in his path that needed help and he is always willing to give a hand. This summer a cattle truck wrecked on a busy highway in Graves County and cattle were roaming the highway and surrounding properties. He assisted policemen in rounding up cattle and directing traffic to prevent further wrecks. On several occasions he assisted police in directing traffic after wrecks. He happened upon people stranded on the side of the road after having accidents and gave assistance e.g. changing a tire, fixing bumpers that were dragging in order for the person to drive their vehicle home and on two occasions pulled cars out of ditches. He helped a young man begin his own business by giving him equipment and lending him a trailer and offering his mechanical expertise to repair equipment. This man is now making extra money and in a better financial position because of Clayton. He has been a tremendous help to my elderly parents. He has taken care of costly repairs for no charge such as tree removal, upgrades to their aging home, property clearing, yard work and caring for their vehicles that were in need of repair. Last but not least he has rescued numerous feral cats from being euthanized from the Marshall County Animal Shelter.

This August I got unexpected health issues that required a total hysterectomy by an oncology gynecologist with terrifying news afterwards that is was Stage Ia endometrial cancer. I am grateful to God for my doctors and their quick diagnosis and treatment. I know many women do not catch cancer in the early stages and I feel very fortunate. My husband was by my side every step of the way assisting me with the post-operative care and spiritual and emotional support. He indeed has a loving, gentle, caring heart and is a dedicated husband. I repeat from my previous letter he cared for his elderly, widowed mother till she passed. She was not healthy in her later years and Clayton was supportive and supplied for her needs till the end of her precious life.

Clayton is loved my many in the community and all over the United States as you can read from the seventy-one individuals that wrote letters to Judge Sullivan in 2021. I hope you take time to read those and see what a good, peace-loving person Clayton has been all his life. He has never wavered from wanting to help others and even on this tragic day was thinking he was helping those policemen that were being beaten and wanting to remove them from harm.

I wish I could turn back time and 1/6/21 had never taken place but it did and now we pray for justice for the victims. I pray God will give you direction as you examine my husband and have to determine the justifiable sentence. I know in my heart he is sincerely sorry for his actions and has asked for forgiveness of his Almighty God and will ask for forgiveness from the policemen that were harmed and those that were present risking their lives protecting our nation's Capital. May God bless and protect policemen for their service to us and our country.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mullins

The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-EGS

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am Nancy Mullins the wife of Clayton Mullins. I am 50 years of age and have worked as a physical therapist in the local hospital of Mayfield, KY for the past 20 years. Clayton and I were married 4/14/2000 but we have been together since I was in 7th grade. So therefore I know him quite well to say the least. I can tell you from the bottom of my heart my husband would never hurt anyone. He loves the Lord, his wife, his family, his friends and his country. He respects law enforcement and veterans. He like most of his family and friends want this country to prosper and stay true to the constitution and Christian values.

I am asking you to consider my examples of my dear husband when you preside over his case. He grew up in Wingo, KY a small town in Graves County. He is an outgoing man that loves to work hard to achieve the American dream of success. He grew up in a loving and Christian home with not much money but that didn't matter to his parents and five siblings. As a child he worked hard at home cutting wood for their wood burning stove, helping at the stockyards feeding, loading & sorting cattle and helping tend tobacco for local farmers. He started at seventeen buying inexpensive vehicles and fixing them up to resale. By the time he was out of high school he worked for the Graves County Property Valuation Administration office and continued trading vehicles. In is late 20's he borrowed money to start a successful pallet building business. He then in early 30's began a business buying & selling heavy equipment. He also traveled thousands of miles to heavy equipment auctions all over this country to buy for a dealer in Tennessee. He did this for many years while running his own business. He now continues to work hard in his 50's at the Mullins Machinery, LLC business in Hickory, KY.

During these many years of travel and meeting people he got to know hundreds of business owners, auctioneers and buyers. Many have contacted us and want to know if they can help him in any way. They have also written letters to you confirming his honesty and trustworthiness. These men have grown to love Clayton for his advice on business and personal matters.

Clayton's dad died when he was in high school and Clayton took on the responsibility of caring for his mother until her death in her 80's. His mother instilled in him Christian values. Due to that raising he has helped so many people that were down and out. I know of at least three homeless men he has helped. Two have lived in his mother's old home place. He also allowed our pastor at Little Obion Baptist Church to use this home as a place of residence for several years free of charge. Another instance Clayton bought a camper to allow a homeless man to stay on his property free of charge. He also helped a man just out of jail by providing him with a place to live and a job until he got back on his feet. He has taught young men how to trade and begin businesses of their own. He is the leader of our church due to our church seeking a pastor at this time. He opens the church every Sunday, organizes fill-in preachers to preach every Sunday, leads the singing and announcements, he is treasurer and he performs maintenance duties. Clayton has many pastor friends and they have all been deeply distressed by this circumstance. They have been a huge support to Clayton and I by their many prayers and words of encouragement and kindness.

My husband is respected in this community by many and we have been overwhelmed by support and love during this time. People have said things like "Clayton Mullins would not hurt anyone." "I know good and well Clayton would not hurt a cop." and etc. People have brought food and strangers have come to our home to pray with us and offer help. We are still getting cards in the mail and emails saying they are praying. It is very humbling to know we have so many people that support us and know my husband's heart.

Again my husband is a man that respects and honors police and knows better to cause them harm. He has many law enforcement and first responder friends and family - state police, city police, firemen, EMS & ex-FBI. He went to the Washington, DC out of love for his country along with many of Americans. We did not know it would end up in such tragedy and a day that has scarred our hearts. I know my husband and he is deeply sorry for the ones that lost their lives and those that were injured on that day. He has cried many tears of sorrow as well as I. We pray for those families that are still healing from loss of life and from injury.

Sincerely,



Nancy Mullins

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November 27, 2023

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras

United States District Court

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Washington, D.C. 20001

RE Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras,

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you regarding Clayton Ray Mullins. I have been a member of the Kentucky Bar Association since May 1984. I retired in 2015 after serving twenty-seven years as county judge-executive in Hickman County, Kentucky. In that capacity I worked with and served many different regional, state, and multi-state organizations focusing on government service and economic development.

I have known the Mullins family for most of my life. Members of the Mullins family lived on both sides of the Hickman/Graves County line, and I dealt with them from time to time on important county issues. My parents were close friends with members of the Mullins family, and I spent many, many hours with them as a young man. To this day, my family attends church and talks every Sunday with members of the Mullins family.

The purpose of this letter is to share with the court information regarding Clayton and the kind of man I, and I believe so many others, believe him to be. While I have not known Clayton as long as I have known some of the Mullins family, I do know him to be caring, loving, and supportive of others and his community. I have never known Clayton to be anything but positive, committed, and helpful anytime he knew that someone was in need in any way. He has shared with me about many different times that he has been involved with and/or contributed to ministries and projects aimed at meeting some important need for others who could not provide that need for themselves. While I do not attend the same church as he and his wife, Nancy, Clayton continues to share with me that he is faithful in attendance and participation in its ministries. I believe both to be very committed to God and to ministering to and loving others on a constant and continuing basis.

Clayton has shown me, in a real way that he may not even recognize, that he is intuitive to the needs of those around him. I retired in 2015 in order to devote significantly more time and effort to dealing with a physical condition I have that is slowly taking mobility from me. My time is now spent partially in a wheelchair and partially on a cane or other walking aides. When I have been with or around Clayton, I have noticed that he is always close enough to assist me in any way that I may need, should it look like I might lose my balance and/or fall. While many are sympathetic or supportive in

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assisting me from time to time, very few are keenly aware of my risk. He, however, is literally standing close enough to assist immediately if needed. I believe Clayton certainly attempts to be that attentive and helpful to anyone around him who may have a similar need or weakness.

In summary, I believe Clayton to be a very honorable man. I believe him to be honest, caring and committed to his God, family, and community. I believe him to be a peaceful and reliable man. Clayton is the kind of person who I believe would always be there to assist me should I have a need with which he could help, as he would help many others.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these thoughts with you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gregory D. Pruitt".

Gregory D. Pruitt
Hickman County Judge-Executive (Retired)

To: The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins. 21-cr-00035-RC

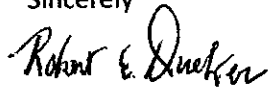
Dear Judge Contreras:

By the way of background after college, I joined the US Marine Corps. I was in just under five years and did a tour in Vietnam as a pilot and forward air controller. When I left the Marines, I was a Captain. After a year of graduate school at the University of Memphis, I joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a special agent. In the FBI, I spent time in Virginia, Florida, and Illinois. I was in the FBI for 29 years, and I spent the last nine years as a Supervisory Special Agent responsible for the lower quarter on Illinois, approximately thirty counties until I retired in 2001.

In 2009, I met Clayton when I purchased property in Benton, Kentucky. Clayton and his wife Nancy live approximately 100 yards from my property. Over the years I got to know Clayton and deemed him a honest, trustworthy, hard worker, and a devoted husband to Nancy. Clayton and his wife Nancy are the kind of neighbors everybody wants to have.

In numerous conversations with Clayton, I saw him as a man who was worried about what was going on in the country. Clayton's opinions were strong, but all were for the betterment of the country. I considered him a patriot and wished more Americans were like him. In the 14 years I have known Clayton, He has never been violent in any way and never promoted it in any way. I ask that you do not incarcerate him for he is a good American and has suffered enough.

Sincerely



Robert Edward Dueker Sr.

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras

United States District Court

333 Constitution Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras,

My name is Kelly Drew I am one of many friends of Clayton Mullins. I am a retired police officer of 25 years and lifelong resident of the great Commonwealth of Kentucky. My policing career provided service to the citizens of this great state and several different agencies, both local and state jurisdictions. I retired on December 31st of 2017 in which I had been serving as the Commander of Professional Standards for the Paducah Police Department in Paducah, Kentucky. After retiring I was asked to return to the Paducah Police Department on a contractual basis to perform several tasks that I had recently conducted during my active time. During the local 2018 election process our county elected a new jailer to run our local corrections facilities. I was appointed by the newly elected jailer to administrate a Class C and D felony facility that housed 90 convicted men inmates. It was a very challenging role, but I accepted and was proud to be a part of the rebuilding of that entity to a compliant, fair state. After servicing my county in that capacity, I decided to venture into the private sector and open my own small business. This was a dream I had from a very young age. I won't bore you with all the details, but needless to say, "I wore many hats". I know you probably know that feeling all too well, being in the prestigious position you hold. I commend you for taking the path you have as I know being a judge is a very difficult position. Thank you for your service to our great nation. I will move on to the purpose of this letter which is to provide you with my perspective and some insight on a gentleman named Clayton Mullins.

Clayton Mullins and I have been friends since we were in high school. We were the "normal" farm boys that hunted and fished, and we spent our evenings/weekends helping local farmers harvest crops which included tobacco back then. Tobacco was a big thing in our community and the boys around home all knew how to work in the tobacco field. Clayton was no stranger to the field and hard work. He was a very friendly respectful young man, as we all were raised to be that way. We spent our weekend nights around bonfires in fields throughout our county listening to country music and telling stories about our lives. Clayton was someone that several of us looked up to as he was a very hard worker and the type of guy that if he said something he did everything in his power to make it happen. He was very dependable and trustworthy. Clayton began dating a girl in high school that he is still married to this day. This is unheard in today's age and is an example of what commitment means to Clayton. Even growing up Clayton was a very determined strong young man and loved everyone as he was loved by everyone.

As we all grew up, we went our separate ways Clayton, like me, chose to stay around home. He started his own equipment business, and I chose law enforcement. Over the following decade we crossed paths serving our community. There was never a time that Clayton denied our community of a need. If something was needed and he was asked, or made aware, Clayton made it happen with many of these times no one knowing of his commitment. Over my time there as a deputy sheriff, Clayton assisted our agency in many ways. While running his equipment business, he provided insight and knowledge that assisted our agency in a large equipment theft ring that spanned several states. I called Clayton several times to gain knowledge about the equipment we were investigating, and Clayton was always eager to help. In my 12 years of serving my home county, Clayton Mullins was the example of an upstanding citizen. Clayton was always helping our community and supporting our sheriff's office 100 percent. This obviously is just "my opinion", but you would find that anyone in our community that knows his name or has done business with Clayton would say the same thing.

I could go on and on about Clayton and his character, but I understand your time is very important and I am sure you are very busy, so I'll summarize and get to the facts that I know. Clayton Mullins is a great friend, husband, relative, neighbor, community member, businessman, person. These are the things I know of this man. He is dependable, honest, loyal, committed and serving of his community. I would recommend him for any job, position, appointment, election, etc. I know this all sounds very cliché, but anyone that knows me knows I DO NOT recommend anyone that reflects negatively towards my name. I was raised by my great grandfather who instilled in me the value of our family name. I have always strived to make my name one that is spoken in a good light. That I honor my family name as my great grandfather did and in doing so, I have declined to be used as references on job applications and other appointments, even my son once, as I knew the person requesting to use my name would not value the opportunity they possibly would be afforded which in turn would tarnish my reputation. I have said all the above to say this.... I ask that you take my statement above in consideration in reference to Clayton Ray Mullins.

Respectfully,

Kelly E. Drew

Dear Judge Contreras, 11/15/23

I am Clayton Ray Mullins father N Law, Robert Rohrer. I am very proud he is part of our family. Clayton is a blessing to me & my wife. He is a Christian and supports his Church in many ways. He is a Song leader, Keeps the Bills Pd, Also supplies a Home for Pastors to live there.

He is now providing a home for a Man who don't have a place to live. Clayton is always helping people in need.

My Wife & I are now in our 80's & Can't do as we once did. Clayton has been in our family since he was 15 yrs old. He is always there to help when we need him.

Trimming Trees, Taking off Trash. Changing light bulbs & lots more.

We Will appreciate your help in solving this right Man. This is soon to be 3 yrs. Our family has been under so much stress.

The News is always putting Nancy & Clayton down. We are very proud of our Christian family. Please help us all out of this mess, May God Bless you for all you do for us.

(Bobby)
Robert Rohrer
Father N Law

Barry Newsome
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November 29, 2023

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
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Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-RC
Dear Judge Contreras,

I am writing to you as a lifelong resident of Graves County, Kentucky, and as an individual who has had the privilege of knowing Clayton Mullins for over 40 years. My name is Barry Newsome, and I am proud to call Clayton my brother-in-law, as he is married to my wife's younger sister, Nancy.

I first had the pleasure of meeting Clayton during his freshman year at Wingo High School, where I was a teacher in 1982 or 1983. Over the years, I have witnessed Clayton evolve into an exemplary member of our community, consistently demonstrating qualities of kindness, compassion, and generosity.

Throughout his life, Clayton has been an invaluable asset to our community. He has selflessly assisted elderly neighbors and friends, demonstrating a commitment to the well-being of those around him. His involvement with youth, both through community initiatives and his church, highlights his dedication to fostering a positive environment for young individuals.

Clayton's role as a husband to my sister-in-law Nancy has been nothing short of exemplary. Despite not having children of their own, Clayton and Nancy have consistently offered their unwavering support and assistance to her siblings' children. Their willingness to help and nurture extends beyond familial boundaries, as they also play a crucial role in the care of our aging in-laws, both in their 80s.

Professionally, Clayton has dedicated much of his life to the heavy equipment business, operating across our state and several others. It is crucial to note that the current legal situation he faces is an isolated incident and stands as an exception in an otherwise unblemished record of a law-abiding life.

I wholeheartedly believe that Clayton's positive contributions to our community, his exemplary character, and his genuine dedication to the well-being of those around him should be taken into account when considering any matters related to his current situation. I am confident that, given the chance, Clayton will continue to be an asset to our community, contributing positively as he has done for decades.

If you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Barry Edwin Newsome

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins. 21-cr-00035-RC

Nov. 10, 2023

Dear Judge Contreras,

My name is Joe Skaggs. I am 81 years old, a Christian, a farmer and livestock dealer, retired now because of health issues. I live on a farm with my wife Judy, for 42 years near Mayfield, Ky.

I have known Clayton all of his life, he is my brother-in-law. Clayton was raised about a quarter of a mile from us. We have three children that are close in age with Clayton. Clayton was at our home a lot when growing up. He enjoyed being with his 2 nephews and niece. They always enjoyed being together and got along well.

Clayton's father died when Clayton was a senior in high school, that took a toll on

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him. He always tried to help his mother with anything she needed especially as she grew older, he was there for her.

Our home and farm were destroyed by a tornado 12-10-2021. Clayton was a lot of help to us, he was there every day for 2 weeks helping clean up the house, barns and storage buildings that were destroyed by the tornado. We built another house on the farm and at our age we need help to get things back in order. Clayton is always ready to help when we need him. God has blessed us through it all!

Clayton is very helpful in the church where we are members, he's the song leader and does a lot of maintenance around the church especially since our pastor passed away.

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Clayton loves the Lord, his
church family, his wife and
our country!

We love Clayton and
Nancy, they are a blessing
to us!

Please help him
anyway you can!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Joe Shaggs



Clayton Mullins letter to judge

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Thu, Dec 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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The Honorable Rudolph Contreras, United States, District Court,
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Washington D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray, Mullins
21-cr-00035 - RC

Dear Judge Contreras:

Hello, I am James C. Gooch, I live in Mayfield Kentucky, and I work at Ashland chemical plant in Calvert City Kentucky as a maintenance supervisor. I have been there approximately eight years. I am 51 years old.

I am writing this letter. In regards to Clayton Ray Mullins. He is married to my wife's sister Nancy. I have been in their family for 18 years and have known Clayton longer than that. We have a lot in common we can fix cars and trucks and just about anything that has a motor. Plus being a carpenter, welder, plumber or a "fix it man".

Clayton is always helping people in need or those less fortunate. He has a resale equipment business and a mechanic on duty. So he's fixing a friend's car that is on disability now. If he says he will do something or help you out he means it! You can depend on him. He is respected in our community and is always lending a helping hand. There have been many times that he happen to be close by when a wreck just happened and he was one of the first on the scene. He goes and helps direct traffic or just stays and will talk with the people that are hurt until help arrives. Clayton and his wife Nancy are always helping her parents too. Many times they have dropped off food or meds here for us also. He has always stayed in church and took care of things there also. And when Mayfield got hit with a devastating tornado he worked day and night helping people find their belongings.

Despite everything that has happened and all the tears, stress and worry he will always stand up for the Lord, his country, his family and friends. If we had more men like Clayton Mullins in this world it would be a better place !!

Thank you and may God bless you!

Sincerely, James Gooch

Sent from my iPhone

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The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
United States District Court
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Washington, D.C. 20001
Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Honorable Rudolph Contreras,

I am writing to you as Brooke Smith, a niece of Clayton Mullins, who is married to my Aunt Nancy. Uncle Clayton has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember, and I feel compelled to share my perspective on the exceptional character he is.

From my earliest childhood memories, Uncle Clayton has been a constant source of joy and support not just for me, but our entire family. When I stayed at my grandmother's house growing up, he and Aunt Nancy were there every night, engaging with us to play and constantly laughing. Every Christmas, our family tradition involves making an assortment of candy together, and Uncle Clayton has always been right in the kitchen with the ladies assisting with whatever we need, while also making us laugh the entire time. He is one of the happiest, go-lucky people I know.

His devotion to my grandparents is truly remarkable. Whether it's cleaning out spaces for them or attending to any of their needs, Uncle Clayton consistently goes above and beyond. In fact, he spends more time with my grandparents than many of their own children. The love and care he demonstrates for them reflect the depth of his character and the values he upholds.

It deeply saddens me to think that someone of Uncle Clayton's good character, filled with love and kindness, could find themselves facing challenges due to a single mistake. I firmly believe that this situation does not reflect the essence of the man I know him to be.

Uncle Clayton has been a fixture in our family for so long that it's impossible to imagine life without him. He is an indispensable presence at our family gatherings, especially during holidays. His commitment to helping my grandparents prepare for these events, spending multiple days prior to ensure everything runs smoothly, is a testament to his strong work ethic and dedication to family.

Despite the challenges he has faced, Uncle Clayton continues to stay strong, demonstrating resilience and perseverance throughout his life. His honest, hard-working, and loving nature, coupled with his deep faith, make him a true man of God whom we are immensely proud to be connected with.

Our hearts ache at the thought of anything adverse happening to him, and we stand united in our unwavering support. No matter what lies ahead, we want to emphasize that our family will be there for Uncle Clayton, offering the same love and support that he has generously given to us throughout the years.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,
Kristen Brooke Smith

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras:

My name is Tina Skaggs. I have known Clayton for 35 years, since he was a teenage boy. I am also married to his nephew Jeff. Clayton is a country boy who grew up in a small town called Wingo Ky. His Dad and Uncles served this country, and he was raised to stand for the flag and bow your head to honor God and Country. He is mischievous, stubborn and tight as a bark on a tree, but he would never intentionally harm anyone! He is faithful to his Church, a hard worker and loves his family and friends!

Sincerely,

Tina Skaggs



Clayton Mullins

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Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 1:04 AM

Dear Judge Contreras

Hello my name is Laken Clapp I am Clayton Mullins favorite niece! Well if I'm not I should be. I'm writing this letter to let you know a little more about him. I'm 34 years old and I'm pretty sure Clayton has been around since I was born. Him and my Aunt Nancy(my moms sister) have been together forever. They are joined at the hip. I have never witnessed a couple more in-love and consistent with each other than them. They have always been very dedicated to the Lord and there church since I was a kid till now. They help take care of the pastors in the past and even present. And I mean like every Sunday probably more days than that. Clayton is a very loving and funny guy. He had us all in tears over Thanksgiving with his stories. Him and Nancy opened a business years ago called lipsmackers. They let me serve and gave me my first job. I loved it and still serve on the side till this day. It was a nice little restaurant. Clayton was always a mamas boy when his momma was alive he worshiped the ground she walked on. That lady wouldn't had to pick up a finger if she didn't chose to. Clayton was always there for her. He also is always there for my Mimi! They take the time to visit multiple times a week with a hour drive time from there house. He has never been selfish with his time. He haas always been a hard worker! Works like a dog as they say. Man trades and sell more junk than anyone around. Haha and still a tight butt! Always had a success business. Not everyone can manage something like that. Clayton always greets me when I see him. Always leaves me with a hug a squeeze on the arm or a good hard pat. He is always bragging on me because of my work ethic and my strick momma skills! I have never felt judged by him. Always felt respected and I have always appreciated that. He's a good Ol country boy! This has mentally messed with our family as a whole he doesn't deserve this. He is a very passionate man when it comes to his views whatever they may be he stands firm on his morals and values as we all should. The Lord is on our side! Thank you for your time. I hope you have a blessed day!

Sincerely

Laken Clapp

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

RE: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras,

My name is Jaden Feagin, I am a great niece of Clayton. My grandmother and Clayton are brother and sister, my family has always been

close so he is more of a uncle to me rather than a great uncle. I've known Clayton my whole life, he has always been a hardworker and would do anything for his family and friends. Clayton has always went to church and always encourage other people he came incontact with to go as well. Clayton does whatever he can do help other people,

to help them get on their feet or help them out of a bad situation. He has helped my husband (Kyle Feagin) get started with his own personal business. He has taught him about what it takes to make it,

a lot of blood, sweat, and tears. Clayton has worked hard his whole life, he has never just had things given to him. His family grew up poor so he knew he had to work hard when he got older to make it in this world. When the tornado hit mayfield in Dec of 21', Clayton was nght there to help not only his family members that had been affected but the community as well. He offered his services to anyone who may have needed them, that is just the kind of person that he is. Clayton has always been a giver and was happy to give. Clayton is a good person, we love him and are very thankful for what he has done us throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Jaden Feagin



Clayton Mullins letter

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Jaden Rogers <jaden_beth23@yahoo.com>

Sun, Dec 31, 2023 at 7:38 PM

To: Pat Woodward <patmwoodwardjr@gmail.com>

RE: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras

My name is Kyle Feagin, I married Clayton's great niece (Jaden Feagin).

Marrying into the family at a young age I expected to be in some ways not accepted by everyone, but for reasons I'll never understand, Clayton took a liking to me and took me in and treated me like his own. I have never met someone with such strong beliefs in God and his country.

He's been there for me and my family for absolutely anything, starting a business is hard and especially with no help, Clayton has done so much to help me get my start, from helping me get the equipment I needed or just advice that I asked for or not!

He's a very upstanding, respectful man. In my opinion he's someone to look up to and strive to be like. He loves his family, his church with unconditional love. I am thankful to have him as a mentor and someone to turn to.

Sincerely,
Kyle Feagin

On Dec 13, 2023, at 4:17 PM, Pat Woodward <patmwoodwardjr@gmail.com> wrote:

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The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins - 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras:

My name is Joey Rogers. I am 59 years old and live in Mayfield, KY. I work as a locomotive mechanic for Caterpillar. I have known Clayton for about 40 years. He is my wife's uncle.

I have always known Clayton to be honest and trustworthy. Clayton and I have had many experiences together down through the years. A couple of years ago we re-modeled a boat to sell. We worked together to get the boat in its best condition before selling it. He did his part and more. I'm for certain that it wouldn't matter what the circumstance or situation might be, he would be there for me and my family. He is a caring and hardworking person who will help you if you need him.

Please accept my testimony on behalf of Clayton. I hope you consider this letter when determining the outcome of his case.

Sincerely,

Joey Rogers

Michael Goode

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins 21CR-00035-RC

6918 Hopewell Rd.

Mayfield, KY 42066

November 30, 2023

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras

United States District Court

333 Constitution Ave. NW

Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge,

My name is Michael Good. I am 69 years old and have been a friend of Clayton Mullins for some 20 years. I am a retired Deputy Sheriff and I also own and operate an excavation company.

I am writing this letter to provide the court with information about Clayton for the court to consider.

I have known clayton for some 20 years. I have purchased equipment from Clayton and have known him to be honest in his dealings. He has offered to lend me equipment if I was in a bind. In my opinion, Clayton is a very positive, hard-working part of our community. He has always been there if you are in a bind.

I don't have much knowledge of Clayton's early and teenage years. This would have been when I was a patrol officer in Graves County, Kentucky. By not knowing him at times when he wasn't in trouble or a problem.

In his adult years, I have never known of him being in trouble. He has been an equipment dealer in the years in which I have known him. He has been an asset to our community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael Goode

December 12, 2023

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Clayton Ray Mullins, 21-cr-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contretas:

My name is Cory Crowley. I am a 52 year old business owner in the industrial compressor repair business located in Mayfield, Kentucky. I started my business in 2002 with myself being the sole employee. I built it into a 17,000 square foot business with 7 full-time employees. I reside in Hickory, Kentucky with my wife of 31 years and we have 2 adult children.

I am writing this letter to inform the court about the Clayton Mullins I know. He is an honest, hardworking, dependable, family-oriented, Christian man. I have known Clayton since high school. We both have an interest in buying and selling equipment and classic vehicles. Clayton has always been honest and trustworthy in our dealings. I consider him a good friend that I can count on. For example, I have purchased equipment from him without seeing the actual product. The equipment was always a better product than I thought. This demonstrates honesty and integrity. I have witnessed Clayton treat others in this same way. I have seen Clayton help those in need by lending equipment to them so that they could make a living and expect nothing in return.

Clayton came from a meager background. He has worked hard since high school to build a business that flourishes for him and his family. He began working as a teenager in the cattle business then onto the equipment business where he has expanded to multiple locations. He has built his business based on treating others the way he wanted to be treated, which is not "the norm" in the equipment business. I trust Clayton and I believe Clayton is a model citizen who cares about this county and the people who reside here.

Sincerely,
Cory Crowley

December 27, 2023

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
United States District Court
333 Consolidation Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Clayton Ray Mullins 211CR-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras:

I am writing this letter to let you know a personal side to Clayton R. Mullins, a friend of several years.

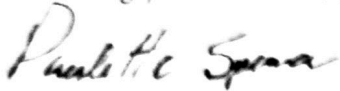
My name is Paulette Spence, 78 years old and live in the country outside of Bertrand, Mo. My husband Danny and I have been married for 55 + years and have raised two sons. I retired after a 42 year career with Farm Credit. I started to work there after completing a one year secretarial science certificate with Semo University, Cape Girardeau, Mo. I started as a Branch Secretary . I worked my way up to Asst. Vice Pres./Branch Manager and at retirement I was in charge and responsible for over a \$32 million dollar loan portfolio. I was raised by a single mother on a 40 acre farm and learned at an early age how to work the many chores on the farm. She raised me to know how to work and for that I am thankful.

We have been friends to Clayton since 2017. During that time our oldest son was living and working for Clayton in Kentucky. While there, he had an accident on an ATV. He was seriously injured and air evac to Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tn. Clayton called us immediately and we traveled the 3 hours to Nashville. Upon arrival we discovered he had a severe head injury and in ICU. In the early morning hours, Clayton and Nancy arrived at the hospital and remained with us, sleeping in the ICU waiting room for three days. Times like these determine the kind of friends they were offering support when we needed it most. Jason was hospitalized for over thirty days . Over time he has improved greatly but still suffers some of the damage caused by accident. Clayton and Nancy have been a real support and faith inspiring friend to our family.

I believe that Clayton has the support of many people in his community , based on how he has lived his life. I know that he was raised in the Wingo, Kentucky area and remains a member of a small church in the community. Being a small church he has served in every capacity including Sunday School teacher, maintenance and grounds person. He and Nancy both have demonstrated their strong faith, honesty and integrity thru his business and their everyday life. She has worked many years at the Mayfield Hospital as a physical therapist. Twenty three years of marriage and she still remains his strongest supporter ready to face any challenge together.

I do not know how or why all this happened on January 6, 2021. However, the state of our America has not been the same for a while. I am sure that this all entered into his thinking on that day. However, I do know one thing being raised by grandparents that had a saying that fit every occasion, the saying would be, Clayton and Nancy "Are the Salt of the Earth" in other words good people.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paulette Spence". The script is cursive and fluid.

Paulette Spence
2501 West 404th Road
Bertrand, Mo. 63823

The Honorable Rudolph Contreras
United States District Court
333 Constitution Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. N. W.

Re: Clayton RAY Mullins 21-CR-00035-RC

Dear Judge Contreras:

I am Danny Foy a 66 yrs of age. I live in the Community where CLAYTON RAY grew up. I am writing this Letter on behalf of CLAYTON. I was 17 yrs of age when I met Clayton at Church where my future wife attended. Clayton was approx. 6 yrs of age at the time. I watched Clayton grow up and never knew of him being in any trouble until now.

I watched Clayton grow up working hard with his Dad and Brother-In-law in the cattle business. Then I watched him start his own successful business in equipment sales, which he still has to this day.

His demeanor growing up from a kid to adulthood was always peaceful. We attended Church together for 20 yrs plus. I know he earned his High School Sweet Heart. He comes from a good family. He always had a good reputation in our Community. He moved to the Lake area a few yrs back. I believed in 2nd

Chances and if anybody deserves a 2nd chance I believe Clayton does. I do believe he will be a better citizen and has learned from this mistake. His wife Nancy believes in him and so do I.

Danny J Foy
680 3rd St
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