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Judge John T. Johnston
Missouri River Courthouse
125 Central Ave W
Great Falls, MT 59404

RE: CV 18-104-GF-BMM-JTJ

Thank you for taking time to review the predicament that my friend is in.

Alexander (Alex) Dean Hamilton is currently incarcerated in the Yellowstone County Detention Center with the bond of \$250,000.

I met Alex Hamilton over a decade ago as he transferred to Arby's on 10th Ave while I was the Store Manager. We quickly became friends as we are both gay. Over the course of time, we became best friends but never dating. He even lived in my house for a few years and have been best friends ever since.

I have always been the responsible one, great job, and committed to improving myself. Currently, I am a Nursing Home Administrator of Eagle Cliff Manor, a very large facility in Billings, MT. I even obtained my master's degree in nursing home administration. I do own a home by the Franklin Apartments on Central Ave West as well as just purchasing another one here in Billings. I wanted to tell you some of my achievements in life to show you that I am an educated citizen and show you that I am a reliable source to help you make a fair judgement.

Alex Hamilton is not a sexual predator. While, yes, I don't think that it is appropriate to have sex with underage people, he does not force himself on people. He does like to get to know people and if it leads that way, he will be happy to have some fun.

Being in jail protects the population of Great Falls, and with the overcrowding in the jail, decisions need to be made on who should be locked up and who could be let out. I believe Alex is not a threat to the citizens of Great Falls. I know that he is going the trial route as he is innocent and the only thing he did wrong was access the internet which was against his probation.

I know you don't have too much control and must preside over the trial in a fair honest way, but I just wanted you to know about Alex and let you know that he is not a monster terrorizing children or young adults. A quarter million-dollar bail is way overboard when you consider that Alex couldn't even hurt a fly. He has now been in jail for over a year and previously 9 months. He has served his time and learned his lesson.

Thanks for Listening



Joe Lilienthal

PS: I would love to testify as a character witness.

CC: Mark Frisbie, Alex Hamilton