

Personal History of John Lynch

Mr. Lynch is sixty-seven years old and is a married father of two. He graduated high school and has lived in the Boston area for his entire life. Mr. Lynch is one of thirteen children. His parents are both deceased and his father reportedly died of cardiac disease. Five of his siblings are deceased. Two of his siblings died from coronary artery disease, including his younger brother who passed in November of 2019. Mr. Lynch has been married for forty-three years and presently lives with his wife. He has a very close relationship with his two sons and is actively involved in their lives.

Mr. Lynch suffers from several health issues including coronary heart disease, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and underwent a triple bypass surgery in 2004. He takes medication to help his blood to clot.

Mr. Lynch has dedicated his life to public service, both personally and professionally. Mr. Lynch contributed to the City of Boston for forty-three through his work at the Department of Neighborhood Development, where he helped create affordable housing within the city and most recently as the Assistant Director of Real Estate at the Economic Development Industrial Corporation.

Positive impact on the community

Mr. Lynch has received over fifty solicited and unsolicited letters of support from community members, individuals and organizations he has helped in the past, friends, and family members. This memorandum includes the submission of over two dozen letters to assist the Court in understanding Mr. Lynch's positive impact and care for the community.¹

Mr. Lynch has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to helping others in his community. His investment, care, and dedication to the community are well reflected by those who he has positively impacted. For example, the President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Bob Scannell, described Mr. Lynch's loyalty to the community as "unparalleled[,] " and stated that the Clubs "would not be providing the level of services which we currently do if we had not met John along the way."

Reverend Dan Finn of the Boston Irish Pastoral Centre stated that Mr. Lynch's "loving care of his mother, brothers and sisters have been a wonderful example and

¹ Appended to this Memorandum as Exhibit 1. The defendant has provided only some of the letters received and would have liked to submit all of the letters for the Court's consideration, however, the defense appreciates the need to provide a full picture for the Court and at the same time respect the Court's time.

source of inspiration." He writes that Mr. Lynch "is a person who has made a big difference in doing good for so many people and contributed to the well-being and happiness of our community." Mr. Lynch's niece, Alison Brennan, described her uncle as just as important in the development of her siblings and herself as their parents, and stated that, "John instilled in us so many significant personal traits and morals just by witnessing him in day to day life. Respect, honesty, responsibility, and family. These are words we learned from watching him live his life."

Gregory L. Davis, Executive Director of Metro Boston Alive Educational Recovery Center, reflects that Mr. Lynch's community support is far-reaching. John has "been a strong supporter of our work and efforts towards helping individuals and families in need of substance abuse and health services ... He is a man who cares about those who are our most needy people living within the City of Boston, especially those individuals of Color." Sister Margaret A. Leonard of the Little Sisters of the Assumption writes that "[i]n his person and in his relationships, John brought a compassionate, caring resourceful City right into the heart of our community. He helped us become aware of resources, proposals, programs developed by the City that could meet critical individual and family needs."

In Mr. Scannell's letter, he informs the Court that Mr. Lynch and his wife have purchased gifts for families in need at Christmas through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester for the last twenty-five years, and Mr. Lynch would also volunteer to buy clothing, groceries, and other necessities for low-income families at the Boys and Girls Club.

Those who know him best consistently reflect that Mr. Lynch's transgression is an aberration. Mary T. Alibrandi, stated that "[W]hat happened with John is so out of character." Similarly, Reverend Finn "was shocked to hear of the present situation in which John finds himself, since it is so uncharacteristic of the John Lynch I know." Edward Wallace shared, "I cannot reconcile the John I know with the crime he has committed".

Despite the community's great disappointment in Mr. Lynch, his unequivocal admission of guilt, and his acceptance of responsibility, those who know him best still hold him in high regard. This sentiment can be seen as a reflection of his lifelong commitment to the community and positive impact on the community. John P. McGahan, President of the Gavin Foundation in South Boston, aptly emphasizes John's "acts of kindness have been felt by many of our residents. I have always found John to be straight

forward, honest and kind hearted. It is my hope that the court will see what the good man that I have come to know."

Consequence of admitting responsibility and guilty conviction

Mr. Lynch resigned after learning of the allegations against him. He ended his forty-three year career and a decades long passion of representing the City without acknowledgement for his years of commitment and sacrifice, with a profound sense of shame and embarrassment.

Mr. Lynch is aware that at the time of his sentencing the Boston Retirement System will forfeit his right to a retirement allowance. See Exhibit 2 (Letter from Boston Retirement System dated September 5, 2019). Also, Mr. Lynch has been informed that his social security benefits will be suspended during any term of incarceration. Given his age, the convictions, and his medical conditions, Mr. Lynch's earning capacity is substantially limited.

Mr. Lynch is keenly aware of the negative impact of his actions on his reputation in the community and more importantly, the negative impact to the City that he has worked tirelessly over many decades to help, improve and protect. Mr. Lynch has unremitting remorse for the unwarranted attention he has brought upon his family and the City of Boston.

GUIDELINES

1. Offense Level

Probation has determined the defendant's applicable base offense level to be **26**. USSG §2C1.1(a)(1); USSG §2C1.1(b)(2); USSG §2B1.1(b)(1)(G). The parties and Probation have also agreed that Mr. Lynch merits a three level decrease for acceptance of responsibility, USSG §3E1.1(a) and §3E1.1(b), bringing his total offense level to **23**.

2. Criminal History

Mr. Lynch has no record of criminal convictions. PSR, ¶¶ 44-50. Consequently, his criminal history score is zero, placing him in criminal history category **I**.

U.S. Sentencing Commissions Guidelines and request for a variance

A sentence within the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Guidelines as reported in the PSR and agreed to by the Government and defense is greater than necessary to accomplish relevant sentencing goals. Since the guideline range is not mandatory or presumptive, *Gall v. United States*, 552 U.S. 38, 51 (2007), and the guidelines are meant to serve as a "starting point" or "initial benchmark[,]" *United States v. Martin*, 520 F.3d 87, 91 (1st

Cir. 2008), the defendant urges the Court to consider that an advisory guideline that is greater than necessary or too draconian can be prevented by sentencing below the guidelines. See *United States v. Jones*, 352 F. Supp. 2d 22 (D. Me. 2005).

In requesting a sentence of thirty months' imprisonment, the defense has considered the goals of § 3553(a) and the purposes of sentencing, as set forth in § 3553(a)(2), including:

(1) retribution ("to reflect the seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment for the offense");

2) deterrence;

3) incapacitation ("to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant"); and

4) rehabilitation ("to provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner").

The factors to be considered pursuant to § 3553(a) are: the nature and circumstances of the offense and the defendant's history and characteristics; the need for the sentence to fulfill the four goals of sentencing described above; the kinds of sentences available; the guidelines and

policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission; the need to avoid unwarranted sentencing disparities; and the need to provide restitution to victims, if applicable.

Mr. Lynch is 67 years old and has absolutely no prior criminal convictions. Other than the transgression at issue in this case, he has had a remarkable career of public service, helping those in need and both professionally and personally, giving time and resources to better others.

Mr. Lynch accepted payments totaling \$60,000 from a real estate developer in exchange for his assistance in securing a permit the developer sought for a property, and failed to identify this money on his income tax returns. The property was undeveloped and the act did not victimize a particular person. To date, Mr. Lynch is the sole person who has accepted responsibility for this act. The illegal financial gain of \$60,000 to Mr. Lynch is less than the amount the statute properly considers a violator to be responsible for pursuant to the statute.

Mr. Lynch appreciates and accepts the need for a sentence of imprisonment given his crime and his role as a public official at the time he committed the offense. Given the need for punishment and incarceration it is important to consider how the sentencing goals reflected in § 3553(a) apply to Mr. Lynch.

The concept of deterrence is unlikely to be furthered with a lengthy jail sentence in Mr. Lynch's case. With a lifetime of community service, and given his age and medical history, he is not a likely person to reoffend. The charge and admission of guilt alone are the strongest of deterrents. Moreover, given the dramatic changes to Mr. Lynch's personal and professional life, it can fairly be said that a sentence of imprisonment is not needed to promote incapacitation and to protect the public from further crimes of Mr. Lynch. Mr. Lynch's sense of shame and remorse is severe. While prison can often provide a reformatory experience, the idea that incarceration will have a positive rehabilitative effect is remote.

Despite the argument that a sentence of imprisonment is unnecessary to promote deterrence, incapacitation and rehabilitation in Mr. Lynch's situation, he recognizes the seriousness of the offense, given his role as a former public official. With that role, Mr. Lynch accepts that retribution is an important goal of sentencing and a term of imprisonment would help the public to appreciate that he received serious and significant consequences for his actions.

A sentence of 30 months of incarceration is a hefty sentence, particularly for a first offender, and adequately

represents the seriousness of the offense. Mr. Lynch led a law-abiding life before the conduct in this case. He had no criminal convictions, and has no substance abuse issues. Mr. Lynch quickly accepted responsibility for his conduct.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons listed above, John Michael Lynch respectfully requests that this Honorable Court sentence him to 30 months' incarceration.

Respectfully submitted,
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By his attorney,

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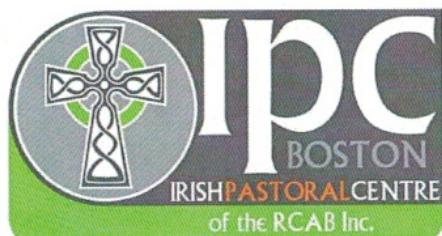
DATED: January 17, 2020

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document, which was filed today, January 17, 2020, using the CM/ECF system, was sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF).

/s/ Hank Brennan
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EXHIBIT 1



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September 23, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

As a Priest and close friend, I have known John Lynch for at least thirty-five years. I was an Associate Pastor at St. Peter's Church, Bowdoin Street, Dorchester from 1980-1993. During this time, I got to meet John who was very supportive of the life and times of St Peter's Parish Community and the people who were most in need. He was very involved in developing and sustaining the Business Community on Bowdoin Street, enabling them to relocate if necessary. He also had a strong working relationship with agencies such as the Police Force, Fire Department and Real Estate, accessing these resources in order to help combat crime and minimize drug problems, helping to ensure the safety of all. With these connections, he ensured a rapid response to any problems that arose. He also worked to ensure that abandoned city lots, signage and sidewalks were all properly maintained in the Dorchester area, which are essential to the spirit of the community.

Our friendship has continued and grown over the years. During my assignment as Associate Pastor to St. Marks Parish on Dorchester Avenue from 1993-2015 John was as helpful as ever with whatever was needed. John graciously donated his time in helping to host St Mark's Annual Golf Tournament from 1994-present. He was always on-call and ready to respond to whatever the need was when we were running the Parish Socials and Benefits at St. Marks. Most recently, he assisted us at The Irish Pastoral Centre in trying to find a new office location here in the Dorchester area.

In and through John I have come to know many other valued friends, especially his immediate family. He is a devoted husband, father and family man. Also, his loving care of his mother, brothers and sisters have been a wonderful example and source of inspiration.

I was shocked to hear of the present situation in which John finds himself, since it is so uncharacteristic of the John Lynch I know. Overall, he is a person who has made a big difference in doing good for so many people and contributed to the well-being and happiness of our community. I am happy to write in his behalf and to ask your most favorable consideration of his situation before you. No matter what, I look forward to and cherish our continuing friendship.

Gratefully,

Rev. Dan Finn
Immigrant Chaplain

September 23, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B Saris:

John M Lynch is my much younger brother and I love him.

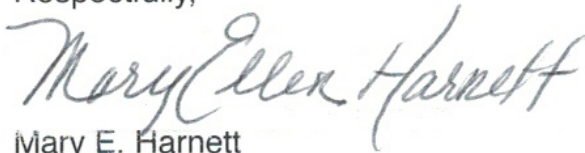
In addition to being an awesome brother, son, father and husband John has been the glue that has held our family together through multiple family tragedies. I don't know where we would be as a family today without John's guidance and goodness over time.

I am proud to call John M Lynch my brother for all that he does for so many and for all that he is- I am forever grateful.

John is acutely aware that the consequences of one careless action has cost him every thing. So much good erased as a moment spirals out of control. My heart is broken for John and his wonderful family and I'm heartbroken to see the humiliation my brother has brought on himself.

Without any fanfare, John sent me, his 78 year old sister away to recover from many cancer treatments last year and so began my journey to get well. Not in the best of health himself, I implore the Court to grant my brother John leniency when determining his punishment.

Respectfully,

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Mary E. Harnett

September 17, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris;

I'm writing this letter to express some of my thoughts regarding a friend, John Lynch.

I have known John for almost 30 years, having met him through my work as the President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

I have held this position for 32 years, and have counted John among those who would always be willing to step in and support our work in the community. We operate three very busy Clubhouses, all in Dorchester, where we serve nearly 4,000 children each year.

John has been there every step of the way as we grew and expanded from one clubhouse, to three.

His knowledge of and passion for the youth of Dorchester has always been a staple of who John is.

I could call upon John any time of day or night when I needed sound advice or guidance in trying to solve complex issues, especially when it involved matters that were out of my area of expertise. He would never let us down.

John went above and beyond the norm when it came to our members and our programs. He actually took the time over the years to get to know many of our program staff who were providing the hands on day to day work with our youth and families. We all had John on speed dial.

John's reputation as a problem solver is well known, often considered the "go-to" person when things needed to get done.

I often commented that John knows the organizations in the City who are doing the real work, and so he leveraged his time and resources to support those agencies, allowing for the best possible use of City resources in order to serve the greatest number of resident's in Boston.

His no-nonsense approach, coupled with his eagerness to make things better, made him a very unique individual in so many ways. I've always been grateful to have John supporting our enormous efforts in Dorchester, and we would not be providing the level of services which we currently do if we had not met John along the way.

In my eyes, and in the eyes of so many other people who I know, John is first and foremost a very caring person. He is filled with compassion, kindness, and empathy, and in particular for those who are less fortunate than most of us.

Without fail he would often ask what he could do on a personal level to help families in need. Every Christmas for at least 25 years John and his wife Cathy would not only "adopt" a family by filling their entire wish list of gifts, but would also rally his friends to do the same. If he learned

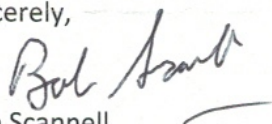
of a family in need while visiting one of our Club's he would offer to buy clothing, groceries, and whatever else was needed to help the family through a difficult time.

His loyalty to the community I would say is unparalleled!

I consider John to be a very good friend, and frankly I would say that he has made our City a better place to live and work through his dedicated and loyal service throughout so many years.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

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September 23, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B Saris:

My name is Mary T Alibrandi. I was a Vice President at Citizens Bank until I retired in 2005. I was also a manager at the Newmarket Square office for 17 years as well as treasurer of Newmarket Business Association.

I have known John M Lynch and his family for over 50 years. John came from a very large family who certainly had their share of heartache. His oldest sister was brutally murdered by her spouse when she was just 40 years old leaving 6 children without a mother. You can just imagine what an impact this had on the whole family.

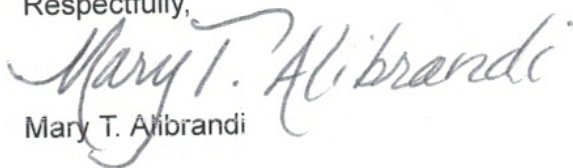
Losing 2 brothers very young, John stepped up to the plate and took his nephews to sports activities and spent as much time as possible with them. John was not their father but he did what he could to be there for them.

John was a loving son to his mother who passed away in her 90s. He was a good son. I cannot say enough about his devotion to both his parents.

What happened with John is so out of character. He has always been held in such high regard. He made a mistake. He is truly sorry for all the pain and heartache he has caused his wife, children, siblings, the Mayor, and citizens of Boston.

Please, please take all of this into consideration when you make your final decision in this case.

Respectfully,


Mary T. Alibrandi

September 17, 2019

Attn: Chief Justice Patti B. Saris

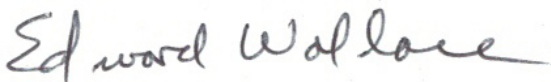
Dear Chief Justice Saris:

My name is Edward Wallace, I am 77 years old, retired, and I live, with my wife Barbara at [REDACTED] in South Boston. In 1995, after many years in the private sector, I joined the City of Boston and worked for five years securing federal grants for small business owners. It was in this position that I met John Lynch. I was unfamiliar with many of the Boston neighborhoods and with the complex City of Boston bureaucracies. John was more than helpful in assisting me. During our travels in the City, I was amazed at the number of people that would thank John for the help and assistance he had given in times past. From community leaders, business people, first responder's, and folks in the street, it was a common thread when I worked with John.

Over time I got to know John on a personal level. He's from a large extended family and along with his own boy's he was interested and involved with his siblings along with his nieces and nephews. My overall impression of him was a man committed to the greater Boston community and its citizens. To this day, when I think of him, I picture him walking along with his cell phone glued to his ear taking calls from people in the neighborhoods that needed his help.

Your Honor, please consider all of John's good qualities when the time comes for sentencing. All of us make mistakes, for the life of me I cannot reconcile the John I know with the crime he has committed. The decent loving husband of many years, loving dad, bother and uncle is the John I know along with countless other city residents that he's helped along the way.

Sincerely,



Edward Wallace

[REDACTED]
Boston, MA [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris:

My name is Alison Brennan. I am one of John Lynch's many nieces. I live in Hanson, by way of Weymouth and Milton. My husband and I recently purchased our (hopefully) forever home in Hanson, after selling our first home in Weymouth. We were lucky enough to utilize the VA loan through my husband's enlistment in the U.S. Army to be able to finally buy that first home in Weymouth after ten years together. Hanson is certainly a different speed (chickens and goats for neighbors?!) but it is a very nice change of pace after working all week in the city. I am an Administrative Coordinator at a mid-sized law firm near South Station. Chickens are a welcome reprieve to listen to after listening to lawyers all week.

I write to you in hopes that this will help give you a deeper understanding of the person John Lynch is to so many. John is my uncle and godfather. He has been a constant fixture in my life for my entire forty years. Growing up down the street from him, his home was always an extension of my own. Both my parents worked varied hours, and John and Kathy's home was always open to my siblings and me, and they were as integral in our development as our parents. John instilled in us so many significant personal traits and morals just by witnessing him in day to day life. Respect, honesty, responsibility, and family. These are words we learned from watching him live his life.

As I grew older I began to understand that my uncle John was more than just my uncle John. I began to see that he was "Uncle John" to everyone he met. If it was within the realm of possibility for him to help someone, it was done. It never surprised me to be at a family function and overhear one of my dozens of cousins talking to their mother or aunt about a problem and hearing them ask, "Well, have you talked to Uncle John"? Recently my husband John was looking for a new job and John, hearing this through our extensive family grapevine simply texted me "have John call me." I remember being confused when my husband was so effusively grateful. "That's just what Uncle John does" I said to my husband. I did not, at the time, understand that not everyone has an "Uncle John." Someone who would drop what he was doing at any given moment and help you in any way he possibly could, without question. Uncle John reminds me with every quiet act that he is one of the most generous people that I have ever known.

John is the patriarch of our family. John is no less than a second father to all of his nieces and nephews, no matter their age. In some cases, he has become the primary father figure to his nephews, and has stepped up to the role every single time without hesitation, without question. Many of these men he has quietly guided into becoming teachers and fathers themselves. So many of us are who we are today because of the guidance and example offered to us by John Lynch. For me, he has always been the bastion of integrity for our family, someone we look to for guidance on how to conduct our lives.

John Lynch is a man that I am privileged to call my family. This is a man that should be held up and admired for his lifetime of helping others, both family and non-relations. I have witnessed time and time again, his selflessness and compassion. I can only ask that you find compassion for him and his family this time as well.

Sincerely,


Alison Brennan

September 17, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

My name is Kevin Lynch and I am writing this letter in support of my Uncle John, Mr. John Lynch. My hope is to shine a light on the incredible man John has been to family and I and the positive and lasting impact he has had on my life.

I am one of John's many nephews and he has been a part of my life since as long as I can remember. I am now 35 years old with a family of my own. I have a beautiful wife, Jenny, and three children: T [REDACTED] (5), L [REDACTED] (3) and H [REDACTED] (10 months). My family and I reside in the town of Milton, Massachusetts. I am a teacher in the Boston Public Schools at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School where I serve as a special education teacher who works directly with students with intellectual and social emotional disabilities.

My Uncle John has been my greatest supporter throughout my life and I am grateful to be given this opportunity to support him during this trying time. John is the most thoughtful and selfless man I have ever met and I can truly say that I try to model my life after his. Whenever needed he has always been the go to man for our family and is always there for people in need.

John has always been my biggest supporter and his impact on my on my life was most significant during some of my family's most difficult times. When I was 15 years old my father (John's brother Kevin) passed away after a long battle with Cancer. My mother was left with three young boys and was in need of support. John was always there for my family and truly held us together during this difficult time. John would drive us to school, bring us to football and hockey practice and support us with all of our after school activities. After practice or school he would have us over for dinner, bring us to get new equipment and help us with homework. When needed the most, John was always there for us.

John's character has truly been instilled in me and I know that his mentorship has shaped me to become the man I am today. When someone asks me for help, whether doing yard work, moving something, help with child care or whatever needed I think of my Uncle John and I always do my best to to help. I have no doubt that if something ever happened to someone and they are in need I will act. John selflessness and love

for others has taught me to help whenever possible and to go out of my way to support those in need.

When making your decision I hope you take under consideration the immense amount of good John has done for his family, friends and the community and the positive impact he has had on so many.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lynch

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September 12, 2019

Honorable Chief Justice Patti B. Saris

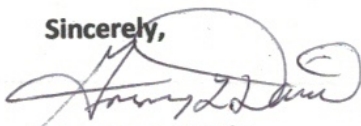
Dear Chief Justice Saris:

My name is Gregory L. Davis, I am the founder and Executive Director of Metro Boston Alive Inc. We are a non-profit substance abuse educational and referral center located within the Roxbury area of the City of Boston.

I am writing this letter regarding Mr. John Lynch whom I have known for over twenty plus years. John have been a strong supporter of our work and efforts towards helping individuals and families in need of substance abuse and health services. He has volunteered his time free each year doing our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food and toys drive. He is a man who cares about those who are our most needy people living within the City of Boston, especially those individuals of Color.

Mr. Lynch has been more than a volunteer he has become a mentor and friend. He is well respected among those whom I have been providing free services for the past thirty-five years. Mr. Lynch has never asked for money only to provide his support to those who are seeking substance abuse and health services. He has been a 'GOD's gift to my organization.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Davis

Executive Director

Janet Lynch Mayo

Scituate, MA, [REDACTED]

September 14, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

My brother, John, was the tenth of thirteen children.

I am sure that the tragic death of our oldest sister in 1981 lead to our fathers death in 1983.

In retrospect, it amazes me that how John constantly stepped up and assumed the responsibilities of a patriarch. He has been loyal, selfless, caring and decisive in every circumstance, especially after the sad deaths of two of his closest brothers, who left seven teenaged children. All these responsibilities, while raising his own two boys.

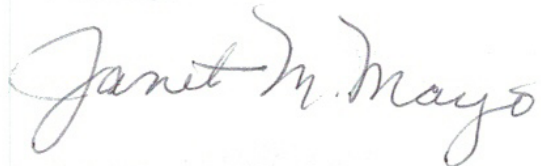
John and his wife, Kathy, always had an open door policy when it came to family. Not always without inconvenience to themselves. It truly binds such a large family.

John also dedicated his time and resources to supporting rehabilitation homes for those down on their luck in appreciation of what they did for some our family. He was publicly recognized for his tireless efforts.

My brother is a man of love and compassion, with a willingness to share both to anybody and everybody he meets. Because of his humility will never know just how many lives John has made more bearable. He is and always has been a truly humble man.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the good life of a very good man.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet M. Mayo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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October 10, 2019

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Re: In the Matter of John Lynch

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

I am an attorney licensed to practice law for over forty (40) years in Massachusetts and in the U.S District Court for the District of Massachusetts. I am born and raised in Boston. I have been in private practice for some thirty four (34) years and spent some fourteen (14) years (six (6) years before I graduated law school) in the employ of the City of Boston working my way up from a Hearing Officer at the Rent Board to become the Commissioner of Real Property for the City of Boston.

I first met John Lynch as I was about to become Commissioner of Real Property in 1979/1980. It was a department in disarray. John was a recent employee at the Department and I wanted to interview every employee in order to decide who I wanted to keep and who I did not want to stay. My inclination was to terminate as many people in the department as I could and I conducted thorough interviews. In addition, I followed up each interview with someone I was interested in keeping with an inquiry of all of their references as well as people I know in the City that knew that particular person. I did the same for John.

I was immediately impressed with John; his demeanor, his frankness, his intelligence, his knowledge of the City and his knowledge of his duties in his existing job. He was enthusiastic for a change in the Department and eager to be part of a reorganization. This initial assessment of John carried through my some five (5) years that he worked for me. I learned to rely more and

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more on John every step of the way and whenever I gave him a particular task to do, he impressed me. John had a great work ethic and was a very loyal and trustworthy employee. He dealt with sensitive community matters that required compassion and the understanding of the task at hand. He handled every one of those tasks as a consummate professional. I trusted John implicitly both in his ability and his integrity. I will admit and I believe that most people will verify that I was a tough boss and required everyone to do their job. I also believed that everyone that worked for me should strive to do and be their best. John never let me down. He was a credit to the Real Property Department and the City of Boston during the time he worked with me.

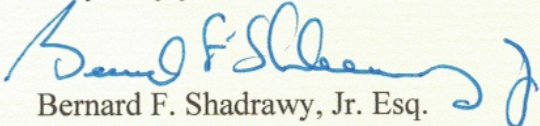
After I left government in 1985, I had made it a point to stay in touch with my former employees as I considered them as part of my extended family. I must admit that over the many years we did not get to see each other as much as I would have liked but I always felt close to John and I believe it was mutual. I always felt that if ever I needed a friend or someone to talk with or bounce something off of that I could count on John. Most of all he was a real dedicated family man and a good and true gentle man. I enjoyed being with him. His commitment to his family is admirable.

John is fiercely loyal to his neighbors, neighborhood, family and friends. He is what I consider a "stand up" guy. I was shocked to hear about what has transpired with John in this incident. The first and existing thought that came to my mind is that this does not describe the John I know.

For whatever happened and for whatever reason this terrible event occurred, I am sure that this does not define John and is not what John is. As I understand it John has admitted to and accepts the consequences of his acts and I also firmly believe he should have repercussions for his actions in this matter. I also do not believe that this defines John or defines who he really is.

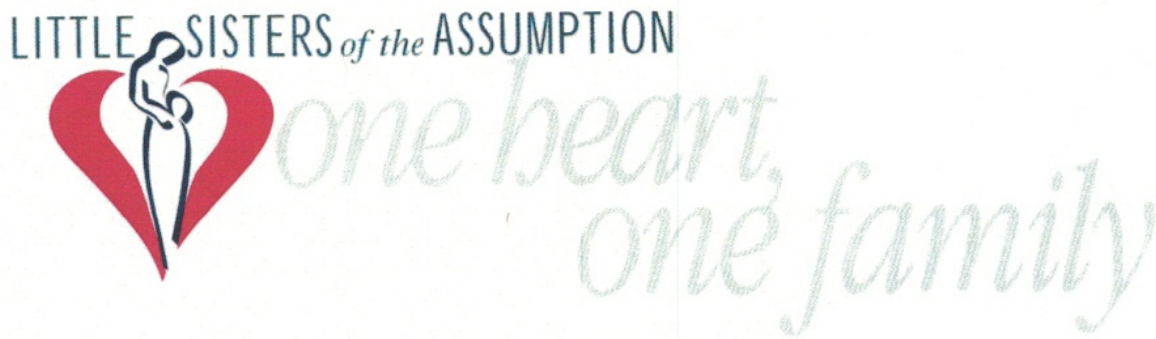
I appreciate your consideration of my letter.

Very truly yours,


Bernard F. Shadrawy, Jr. Esq.

Cc: Hank Brennan, Esq.

BFSJR/me



October 28, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris:

My name is Sister Margaret A. Leonard. I am a member of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, an international congregation of Women Religious in the Catholic Tradition, whose mission is to serve the needs of the poor in low income neighborhoods in 22 countries of the world. In 1947 we were invited by Cardinal Cushing to the Dudley Neighborhood to meet the needs of families living in poverty. In 1983 when family homelessness expanded in this neighborhood, we opened our doors, invited families to live with us calling ourselves PROJECT HOPE (House Open People Enter) and began one of Boston's First Family Shelters.

With the families that lived with us we focused on addressing solutions to family homelessness: affordable housing, access to education, jobs, child care, the support of community and we founded a state-wide advocacy group called Homes for Families to focus locally and statewide on addressing the causes of family homelessness.

From the early 1980 to the present I have been part of this initiative and resided in this community in 1985 to the present. In 1985 I was a founding member of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative which focused upon the organization of the community to revitalize the Dudley Street Neighborhood which was in a deep state of deterioration.

In the development of Project Hope and also the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative my community was focused upon vulnerable seniors and families living in poverty. And in pursuing solutions we developed partnerships with neighborhood organizations, the City of Boston and the State.

In this capacity I worked very closely with the Department of Neighborhood Development where John Lynch was a member of the staff and his job brought him into our neighborhood. I found him to be sensitive to the needs of the community, supportive and resourceful as we worked to lift up the resident voices and improve the conditions of vulnerable elders and families.

In his person and in his relationships, John brought a compassionate, caring resourceful City right into the heart of our community. He helped us become aware of resources, proposals, programs developed by the City that could meet critical individual and family needs.

For Project Hope, for example, he made us aware of available grants at the City level to which we could apply – and made links to other City Departments with services to improve our neighborhood. He was friendly, warm, resourceful and available during times of crises. We could call him, leave a message on his voice mail and know that we would hear from him shortly. He was respected, and we all deeply appreciated the qualities of relationship and friendship that personified him.

The Little Sisters of the Assumption had a long standing relationship with a teacher from the neighborhood called Catherine Flannery. She was a member of St. Paul's Holy Family Church and an important part of the Church Community. When she retired she volunteered at Project Hope and was elected to the Board of Directors at the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. Catherine always dreamed of owning her own home and she reached out to the City to pursue this possibility. That is how she connected with John Lynch. John was a blessing. He helped her to purchase an affordable home thru the City of Boston. He also helped her to maintain it. When her neighbors realized that she had difficulty with street cleaning, snow removal and some household repairs we supported her efforts to reach out to John who provided supports that she needed to maintain her home.

He was available whenever she had a need. She thought of him as her brother; she lost her brother tragically early in her life and at this time had no close family living. The community became her family. When her health began to fail and she was more physically disabled, we joined together as a community to help her maintain her home, to organize home-based health services, to consider nursing home care, and we asked John to join us as she had incredible faith in him. Catherine was tough and she resisted support and services which she desperately needed. So together we weaved a web of support around Catherine; she journeyed to a nursing home until her death and we were all present at her funeral and burial. John was an important part of this team.

Catherine always wanted her treasure – her home – to go to someone in the neighborhood who, like her, dreamed of a home of her own and had somewhat limited resources. Together we worked to make sure this happened. Her home was sold to a neighborhood family.

So what is my experience of John Lynch? It is limited in some way in that it is in a period of time, focused upon his tenure at DND and his work and mission in the Dudley Neighborhood. This is what I would say: He listened to the voices of people within the community. John is a good man who has spent a good part of his life caring for people in a vulnerable state in their lives. He helped them gain access to resources that are critical to their survival and growth, being available to them especially in times of crises and being with them as friend along the journey. And for some, like Catherine, even until her death.

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Sr. Margaret A. Leonard, LSA

September 22, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

My name is David Anthony James and I am married to John Lynch's niece Julie Lynch James. I am 47 years old, have been married into the Lynch family for 9 years (known Julie for 3 years before that since 2007). I am a Senior Vice President of Product Development for a company called eMolecules that is involved in Chemical logistics for Pharmaceutical and Chemical companies.

Since I first met John in 2007, he has always welcomed me into his family and treated me like I was part of his family. He provided me with advice on many aspects of life including career, marriage, and family and was always very encouraging and supportive. When I was laid off from my job in 2010 and decide to make a career change, he was always encouraging me and checking in to see how the company I joined was doing. For 5 years we lived about two blocks from John in Dorchester. We were always welcomed into his house at any time and he even let us stay in his house for a couple of weeks when we had our house painted. John had no problem inviting my friends into his own home as well on holidays when they had no place to go. One time I asked John if he could give advice to a friend who owned a restaurant and he had no hesitation in helping him out and making sure that he got all the assistance he was entitled to when no one else would help him.

The John Lynch that I know has always been a warm kind hearted person that looked out for his family. He took the weight of the family on his shoulders and made sure that he did whatever he could to ensure that everyone got the help they needed. He was always very supportive and everyone knew they could go to him for advice. I lost my father over 20 years ago just after I moved to Boston from Australia and I didn't have a father figure for most of my adult life. But I knew I could go to John and he would give me advice and support like I was his own son.

I was surprised to hear of John's predicament primarily because this was in contrast to all that I known of him. He continues to have such a big impact on his family and community and removing him from this situation will have a considerable impact on many people. It is my hope that the court will consider his long history of good character when reviewing his lapse of judgement.

Sincerely,

David Anthony James

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. James', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

September 17, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris:

My name is Kathleen Carroll Lynch. I am 62 and live in West Harwich, MA. I retired in 2015 as an Administrative Assistant for the Electrical Construction Trust Funds, Local 103, IBEW.

I have known John for the past 40 years. I was married to his brother, Paul, who passed away suddenly due to cardiac issues on November 20, 2006.

John was still mourning the loss of his sister, who also passed away suddenly six days prior to my husband's passing, stepped up to help me and my four children with the necessary arrangements. John also helped me navigate through all that needed my attention in my new role as the head of the house. John's continued love and support through the years has been tremendous. I look back now and wonder how he did it. He put all his sorrow aside to embrace and guide us. That is the kind of person John Lynch is. John is selfless, strong, kind, compassionate and always there for his family. You can mention John's name to anyone who knows him and you will always get the same response - "John Lynchhe's a great guy!" Born and raised in Dorchester, John constantly strives to contribute to the community.

My family and I are blessed to have John in our lives and hope that this letter will act as a positive and contributing factor when the court considers this matter.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Carroll Lynch

[REDACTED]
Dorchester, Ma [REDACTED]
617 412-1224

September 17, 2019

Dear Justice Patti B Saris,

My name is Elaine Lynch Canty. John Lynchs younger sister. I have been an RN for 40 years, mostly at Boston Medical Center, currently at Carney Hospital. My reason for choosing nursing as an occupation was largely guided by my brother and his wife Kathy.

After a tumultuous high school years they took me into their loving home and provided a safe haven and guidance which led to my BSN. They again opened their home to me and my son as I was going through a difficult divorce.

When I was 15 John was working as a laborer at the Charlestown Navy Yard and I asked if I could work there too, thinking it would be hard work but I'd prove to him I was as strong as he was. Initially, he said no then relented. I lasted one day and was sore for 2 days. But he gave me a chance to prove myself.

Since a young age, John has been considered a rock in my family. He and his wife Kathy are truly loving and generous people. He never asked for anything back from all the family members whom he helped. If some incident occurred which warranted ownership he expected the person to own up to it, learn from it and move on. Well, he is doing that now by taking responsibility for wrong doing in this unfortunate incident.

This incident has robbed him of his dignity but it will never diminish my love and respect for him. His family, which is large are terribly saddened with this incident and the shame I know he is experiencing. John was always *et aliorum hominum* "a man for others" and despite this transgression will be again.

In closing, when John was 47 he underwent a quadruple cardiac bypass. I respectfully request the court take this into consideration with the final judgement.

I thank you for taking the time to read this.

Respectfully,

Elaine Lynch Canty

the Tip Tap Room

138 Cambridge St. Boston MA 02114

September 19, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

My name is Brian Poe, I am the chef, partner and owner of The Tip Tap Room, Parish Café, of Boston and Bukowski Tavern in Cambridge, MA. I have conducted business in the city of Boston for 18 years and have been a chef for over 25 years.

John Lynch has been one of the greatest mentors and gentleman that I have ever had the opportunity to work with. His guidance through the subtle nuances of doing business honestly and properly in the City of Boston has helped many to succeed in a very difficult system and business. His candor, support and leadership has taught me how to be a better person, businessperson and citizen. Over the many years I have known John I have had the opportunity to work with him through restaurant constructions, charities and events. I have had the opportunity to get to know John and his family. I have been lucky enough to receive many great bits of life and business advice from him.

I am writing this letter to anyone and everyone involved in this matter to please recognize the amount of good this gentleman has done to help our city's restaurant landscape survive and thrive through the recessions and on into the booming economies we are currently enjoying. John Lynch should be recognized for his great contributions to the success of small businesses and for his many years of honest service to the City of Boston.

Sincerely,



Brian Poe
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Chef/Owner

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Bukowski Tavern, Cambridge MA 02139

Caitlin Dellascio

[REDACTED]
Braintree, MA [REDACTED]

September 19, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris:

My name is Caitlin Lynch Dellascio. I am 37 years old and live in Braintree, MA. I am currently staying at home with my three young children.

John is my late father, Paul Lynch's, older brother. Growing up with such a large family, John was always the one to make sure that our family stayed close, which is difficult having over 50 first cousins of all ages. He has always been the glue to hold our family together and the first to show up when anyone is in need.

John has always been there, putting others needs in front of his own. When my sister, Meghan, suffered a sudden aortic aneurysm at 15, John was there to offer help and support. John had his own teenage children at the time to care for, but he always made sure he was there for us, whether it was emotional support or rides. While John was mourning the unexpected loss of his sister and my dad, his brother, less than a week apart, he stopped everything to be the biggest support for myself, mother and siblings. When you experience such an unexpected loss, you feel so helpless while trying to process what happened. John was there every step of the way to help us through it. John made sure that he was available and helped with all the arrangements so my mother could grieve. John always took the time to attend my brothers hockey and football games after my father passed away. It meant more to my brothers than John will ever know. Just having him there to cheer them on, even if they were playing against John's home teams.

I am always meeting people that know my aunts or uncles. When I am asked if John is my uncle, I proudly answer yes. People always follow up with a great story and stress what a great guy he is and all the countless things he has done to help others. John is the type of person that gets great joy out of helping people and the community. I can honestly say, I wish everyone could have someone like John in their lives.

I hope the court can see what a genuinely great person John is and what an asset he is to our family and community.

Respectfully,

Caitlin Lynch Dellascio

September 22, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

My name is Julie James. I am a forensic DNA analyst for the Boston Police Department Crime Laboratory, and have been employed in this capacity for over 20 years. I'm writing on behalf of a man whom I have always been proud to call my uncle, John M. Lynch.

John has been the patriarch and humble hero of the Lynch family my entire life. His willingness to open his doors to anyone and everyone who may need it has served as a beautiful lesson to me in my formative years, and continues to this very day. He is a man of generosity and selflessness.

There are endless ways he has demonstrated this over the years. Here I will highlight only a few examples:

I have known him to be a longtime supporter of several local organizations and groups who provide assistance to vulnerable and needy members of our society, including the Dorchester Boys and Girls club, and Gavin House Foundation.

On a personal level, he helped our struggling 3 child family by handing down clothing from his nieces in-law to me and my younger sister, as well as offering us shelter in our own times of need.

Together with his wife, John has opened the doors to his home on countless occasions to help someone in need. He hosted our family when our house was having floors redone in 1987. In 1997, my family home experienced a fire which left the house uninhabitable for months. Uncle John once again opened his doors immediately, and hosted my brother, Andrew, for months until the house was ready for tenancy. In 2013, John extended welcome to me, 3 months pregnant with my second child, and my husband and toddler in his home while we were having painting done, to avoid breathing paint fumes.

John hosted our large extended family for more Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners than I could tally, including a standing welcome for last minute additions: friends who had no family in the area.

In July 2017, my husband and I moved into our new home with our three children under 6. It was a long day of moving. My Uncle John arrived at the new house, offering any whatever assistance we needed. He ultimately spent his day installing all the blinds in the bedrooms, which allowed the children to get ready for their 8pm bedtime, which is still daylight in July.

These are simply a subset of ways in which John has demonstrated his upstanding character and support for the community and for his family. These and many others have served as life lessons for me in empathy for another's situation and need, and providing assistance with a significant positive impact.

John is a wonderful and caring person who is willing to help anyone and everyone with his whole self. I have always seen him check in with different family members and friends of family members with genuine caring and attention. He has been a wonderful role model for me, my siblings and my husband and children.

Thank you for your time and attention, and the opportunity to share my thoughts with the court.

Respectfully,


Julie K. James

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris:

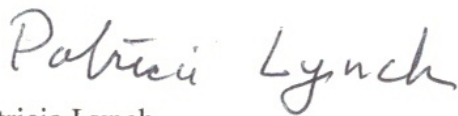
First and foremost, I would like to thank you for allowing John to spend the holidays with his family before sentencing.

My name is Pat Lynch. John is one of my many siblings. Through the years we have lost five of our family members, all of whom had young children left behind. John expended tireless energy and love to help take care of and mentor them all, including but not nearly limited to attending sporting events, birthdays, graduations, and steering them on to college. John is steadfast and generous with his time, not restricted only to his family, but other individuals he has met with needs.

While it is difficult for me to convey John's generous spirit, one incident does come to mind. While raising my children in Milton, we experienced a life changing house fire, making our home unlivable. During the aftermath my youngest daughter and I were lucky enough to stay at my sister's home so my daughter could complete her senior year of high school. When my son was expected to return home from college for the summer, John stepped in and gave him a home even before I could worry about who I could call for help. John housed and fed my son, even loaning him his own car to get to and from his summer job, for months without question or expectation. John also helped me every day during that heartbreaking time while I tried to navigate the daunting task or rebuilding my home for my children.

Never questioning one's need, John is always the first person we all call on in any time of need. Considering the decades of John's quiet good will and acts of kindness to help both family and strangers alike, I know John is ashamed about disappointing all those who love and respect him. I can only hope that John's lifetime of good deeds and his years in public and private service has made its mark and will be considered when you decide his fate come January.

Sincerely,

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Patricia Lynch

September 19, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

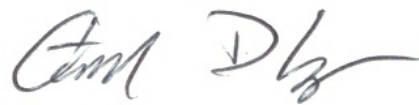
Your Honor, thank you for taking the time to read this letter in regards to the matter before the court involving John Lynch. My name is Gerard Dhooge, I am a Detective with the Milton Police Department and also a Task Force Officer assigned to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations OCDETF Task Force. I have worked in law enforcement for 10 years as a Police Officer and previously as a Deputy Sheriff.

I have known John literally as far back as I can remember as John is a once removed uncle within my family. I grew up close with John's immediate and extended family. I also lived close to John in the Town of Milton for many years. I have always known John to be an incredibly upstanding individual. John is one of the most loyal men I have ever met. John was always a role model growing up who would keep a close eye on the children in the family keeping them out of trouble and providing an example of how one should act. John would become the patriarch of the Lynch family, taking care of his young nephews for years following his brother's untimely passing as a result of cancer.

I remember from a young age John being a well respected and honorable member of the community. Anyone I've ever spoken to who knew John would speak of him in high regard as an honest and lovable man who cared about the people in his community and for the people of Boston. I grew up to be the man I am today because of strong, respectable, and honorable father figures in my family like John.

I have come across people of all walks of life in 10 years of law enforcement. I feel that years of working as a police officer have made me a good judge of character and I can say without hesitation that the mistakes John has made are not indicative of who he is as an honest man. I agree that and members of government entrusted by the public are held to a higher standard. In light of this, I truly believe that his was a mistake which goes against John's character. I truly believe it to be an isolated mistake that should not overshadow a lifetime of good deeds for his family and for the city of Boston. I thank you again Your Honor for taking the time to read this letter and I hope that my words shed some light onto who John truly is as a person.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerard Dhooge", written in a cursive style.

Det. Gerard Dhooge
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Homeland Security Investigations

To whom it concerns:

My name is Charles Lynch, 71 years old and have been retired from the United States Postal Service for 5 years. I worked there for 47 years and retired as the District Manager, responsible for 15,000 employees and the delivery responsibility from the New Hampshire border to the Cape and islands and also Brockton. I have four children, two sons and two daughters and three grandchildren.

I have known John Lynch for over 45 years. For a number of those years I was his brother-in-law. In those days, we all were young, just starting out in life with very little money but big dreams. John was the type of person that you could always rely upon to help, regardless of the work involved, location or time of day. He would assist with his labor, truck or, if necessary, his money. I recall one example that he asked me if I wanted a second hand Rambler automobile that he did not need any longer. When I told him that I could not afford it, he not only gave me the car, but changed the spark plugs for me and drained the oil.

I also witnessed John and his devotion to his family. Nothing came before his wife Kathy and his sons Michael and Dan. For years he worked two jobs to provide for them, days for the city, and then tending bar at night. He never complained because he saw it as his sacred obligation to provide the best possible environment for his family. As the years went by and he became more successful, John remained the same. He had the same friends, treated people fairly, and could always laugh at himself. John epitomizes the qualities of good friendship. He is the same person today as the one I first met in the 70's.

John has had an incredible career for the city of Boston. Spanning over 40 years, he performed multiple assignments and shared various responsibilities. And did this without a blemish. And then he made a mistake. A serious mistake for which he has admitted responsibility and accepted the penalty. In my capacity as District Manager I was the final appeal for hundreds of employees who were facing termination of employment. In every case I examined the employee's attendance, his or her job evaluations, length of service etc. etc. John Lynch is not perfect. John is a caring, dedicated parent and employee who made a bad decision. I believe that the vast amount of good will and positive performance that John has demonstrated over his entire career should be factored in at his sentencing.

Sincerely,

Charles K. Lynch

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September 17, 2019

Chief Justice Patti B Saris

Dear Justice Saris,

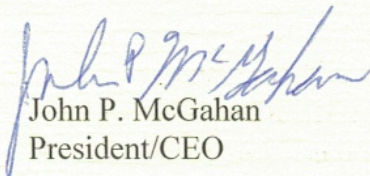
I am the President/CEO of the Gavin Foundation "Gavin" located in South Boston. Gavin is a nonprofit agency providing comprehensive adult, youth and community substance abuse education, prevention and treatment programs. Established in South Boston in 1963, we now serve over 10,000 individuals each year in the Greater Boston area.

Gavin offers a continuum of care to individuals, support services to their families, and programs to increase community awareness and acceptance regarding addiction and recovery.

I have known John Lynch for close to 20 years and over that time John has been instrumental in helping Gavin with remodeling projects, general maintenance and various other support. We are truly grateful for his assistance which has allowed us to focus on our core mission the "Restoration of Dignity". He has made a positive impact on the lives of our residents with his generosity and support. John has been helpful and supportive to our residents in the community but helping them with seek employment which working on their recovery. In fact, John is a past honoree of the Foundation and received the James F. Gavin award for his support of our recovery programs.

In closing, I would like to go on record reporting that John has always been a loyal friend to the Gavin and the recovery community. His acts of kindness have been felt by many of our residents. I have always found John to be straight forward, honest and kind hearted. It is my hope that the court will see what the good man that I have come to know.

Respectfully,



John P. McGahan
President/CEO

September 19, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

My name is Gerard Dhooge, I am 65 years old and have been a resident of Milton, Massachusetts for the past three decades. I have been a labor official with the Seafarers International Union for the past 37 years, representing U.S. professional merchant mariners. I also currently serve as a Vice President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, and as President of the Boston & New England Maritime Trades Council, AFL-CIO. I have spent most of my adult life representing and working on behalf of, blue collar working people from across New England.

I have known, and been close friends with John Lynch, and several of his family members, for well over 50 yrs. We grew up together in the Fields Corner section of Dorchester, and I attended grammar school as well as high school with John. I have played on multiple sports teams with him, worked with, traveled and socialized with him for most of my life.

I can state, unequivocally, that John is one of the finest human beings that I have ever met in my entire life, and I have traveled this country, and worked with many people from all over the United States. When John's older sister Nancy was tragically murdered years ago, leaving several young children, John took it upon himself to assume the lead in helping his young nieces and nephews, securing housing for them and the resources, services, and financial assistance that they would need. He was always there to assist them, doing everything he possibly could to help keep them together as a family, and guide them through a terrible time in their young lives. When John's brother, and my brother in law, Kevin, passed away from cancer at the age of 49, John once again was there for his family. As heartbreaking a time that it was for him personally, dealing with the devastating loss of another close sibling, he took it upon himself to make sure that my sister in law, and her three pre-teen children, who are also my nephews, had what they needed during a very difficult time. I witnessed John's actions with my own eyes when he repeatedly provided emotional, physical, and financial support, even when he himself was hurting and grieving from the horrible loss of his brother. This is who John truly is, an absolutely unselfish, caring, compassionate, and wonderful person.

In life we all have to make a lot of decisions, some good, some not so good. No one act can, and should, define who a person truly is. The absolute measure of any individual should be based on his or her life looked at in its totality. A life needs to be viewed in the aggregate in order to provide a complete picture of who that person really is. I've been friends with John nearly my entire life and I know him to be a wonderful and compassionate friend, and family man. A person with a big heart that you can turn to at any time, in any situation, and he will absolutely be there for you. That is the John Lynch I know, and to me, that is the person he has always been, and always will be.

Sincerely,

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Gerard Dhooge

Milton, Ma

September 19, 2019

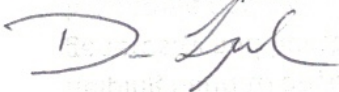
Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,

My name is Dennis John Lynch and I am a nephew of John Lynch. My middle name was given to me in honor of my Uncle John and I am very proud of that. I am 33 years old and I am married to an amazing wife and we have a beautiful 6-month-old daughter. I currently live in Milton, MA and I am a Boston Public Schools special education teacher at the Community Academy of Science and Health (the old Grover Cleveland building) in Fields Corner. I teach in a substantially separate classroom for students with autism. I have a wonderful mother and 2 older brothers, Brendan and Kevin, who I am sure you will also see letters from to describe our Uncle John's true character.

My Uncle John has been a second father to me throughout my entire life. At 12 years old, I lost my father, John's brother Kevin, to lung cancer. I still remember the funeral as John fought back tears delivering the eulogy. I mention this because since that day John has been the closest thing to a father for my brothers and me. He was there whenever my mother needed him and was a person she could turn to in any situation. He stepped up and was involved in our lives while still raising two of his own boys similar in age. John was at sports games, family events, school functions, as well as the random visits just to check in for all of my teenage years. He has still been a close friend and confidant to this day as I am older with a family of my own. I still lean on John for advice and support. He has always led me in the right direction just as he has for my brothers and the rest of our large family. He has always been there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need and has NEVER asked for anything in return. His sincerity, generosity and humbleness are traits I try to emulate today. He taught me to always look out for people and to help when we can. It is unfortunate to have to write this letter to make me realize how much of an impact John has had on me. I don't typically get the chance to express how someone has impacted me unless it is for a reason. This is not the reason I would prefer to choose but I am hopeful that this letter will have a positive and lasting effect on you.

I have always been proud to talk about my Uncle John and tell people that he is my uncle. He has always been a man of high character and integrity and to hear about these charges was definitely a surprise. I know that he feels regret and remorse for his actions and is embarrassed by this situation and I hope you can take that into consideration. I understand the severity of these charges and that it is your job to set a standard and precedent to prevent these things from happening in the future. All I ask is for you to consider the positive influence John has had on myself and so many of my family and friends when you make your decision. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Dennis John Lynch

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Lynch', is written over the typed name 'Dennis John Lynch'.

Dear Chief Justice Patti B Saris

Your Honor,

My name is Thomas F Connolly and I am a neighbor to the Lynch family, and a friend to John Lynch for over 40 years. I am writing this character letter to you to provide a more complete picture of the man before you, John Lynch and share of a side of him that you might not be aware of. I am 67 years old retired from the Boston Police Department where I held the rank of detective and now working a part time job in security. I am married to my wife Mary , we have two children-one a junior in college the other ready to graduate in November 2019 from a trade school for diesel engine mechanics-and we spend our lives in Dorchester, along side the Lynch family.

Your Honor, I understand the difficulties of your job and I have the utmost respect for your position. My only hope is that I can provide you with information that may not have been forthcoming and what you've heard about John to date. Most people are not aware of the charitable donations John and the volunteer work he has done on behalf of social service programs because he would never talk about himself in that manner. However, John's support for these various organizations and the important work which these organizations perform paint a more complete picture of the man before you.

John Lynch's involvement with Work Inc. is something that impacts my family directly. Work Inc. is a local organization located at 25 Beach Street, Dorchester Ma and is a nationally recognized agency providing community-based programs, skills and supports for individuals with disabilities. My wife's youngest brother Richard has Downs Syndrome, and we as a family benefit from the outstanding work of this non-profit organization. Work Inc , makes it possible for those of us that have physical and mental health disabilities find gainful employment, a structured day and independent, fulfilling life style that may not have been available because of their disabilities. John Lynch has been an avid supporter of Work Inc. financially through his personal donations, but maybe more importantly, he has committed his time to the organization by organizing fund raising, volunteering and developing a connection with the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development Services to help this organization with services that are critical in driving forward Work Inc's mission.

John was also affiliated with another local, non-profit organization, the South Boston Neighborhood House. The mission of the South Boston Neighborhood House is to support family and neighborhood life in the community. Through his position with the City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Services, John worked very hard to guide and support this organization, helping its leaders navigate the significant steps of funding, identifying services and working with them through building improvements-all to help the South Boston Neighborhood House fulfill its mission to the community. John Lynch's knowledge of funding requirements and his dedication to helping non-profits succeed in the delivery of their services to the community are attributes that those working with John have cherished.

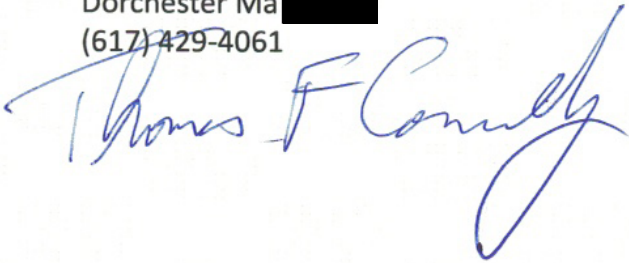
Also, I would be remiss and not mentioning John's affiliation with the Gavin House in South Boston. The Gavin House is another non-profit agency which provides comprehensive drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs for adult men seeking help to recover from the effects of these diseases. The Gavin House residential program helps men get back on their feet after suffering

from the ravages of their alcohol and drug abuse. John Lynch was named the Gavin House Foundation's "Man of the Year" award winner and 2016 in recognition of his work to support and his passion for helping those in need.

Your Honor, what I hope comes across throughout my letter is a side of John Lynch that I know, beside that has always been committed to helping others. I know that the part of John's life that's been presented to you for evaluation has not been good. I certainly do not know the facts, and that is partly because it is painful for me to read through the reports and newspaper articles as it truly hurts me to think of John in this way. He has plead guilty, and I can honestly say there is not a man alive who is more remorseful for his actions. John has hurt his wife and sons more than any person could articulate. It is a dark place for John, and those that love him. However, John is a good man who has made poor decisions, and I hope that my letter will help you with your decision on sentencing. John has spent his life helping others and though this is a dark place for him now, I hope he will get the opportunity he has provided to so many others-a chance for rehabilitation and self-betterment.

Sincerely
Thomas F. Connolly

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Elizabeth Canty
September 17, 2019

Dear Justice Patti B Saris,

My name is Elizabeth Canty, I am 29 years old and I live in Dorchester. I am a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital on an acute care floor. I volunteer for Boston Health Care for the Homeless and am also graduating with my masters in nursing this Spring from MGH IHP. I would not have been able to get to where I am if it were not for John Lynch. I have known John for my entire life as he is not only my mentor but my uncle and godfather. From an early age, I knew John was a special man. As the youngest of 49 cousins, it was easy to get lost in the shuffle. John always took the time to make me feel heard and even though I was the youngest girl in a family of many boys, he made me feel empowered to stand up for myself and that my voice mattered.

As I grew older, I realized this effect that John had was not only on me but transcended to others as well. It amazes me everywhere I go how when people found out who my family was, they would always have a story about how John impacted their lives in a positive way. Although he never mentioned the work that he did, I knew from others that he had worked hard to help The Marr Boys and Girls Club, and the Galvin house. When I was in my early twenties, I was unsure of what I wanted to do, I knew I wanted to serve my community and help people but was unsure of where to direct my energy. After speaking with John, he introduced me to his elderly neighbor who was a disabled Korean war veteran. His name was Bob and it was clear that he needed help with his daily activities. He explained to me that he was alone and had no family and he considered John Lynch a family member.

Every day, John would take time out of his busy schedule to visit him and make sure he had food, clothing, he would take him to his doctor's appointments and welcomed him during the holidays so that he did not feel isolated during lonely time for many. Although John was surrounded by a big family, he understood how lonely it could be, especially during the holidays and always made a point to include Bob as a part of his family. After John introduced me to this elderly veteran and seeing how he impacted his life, I decided to become a home health aide. I remember Bob saying that if it were not for John and John's wife, Kathy he might not have been alive for as long as he was. He was forever grateful and considered them his only family. The impact that John had on Bob inspired me to go back to school to become an RN, and now I am finishing my masters to work as an NP.

I know that my Uncle messed up. He's ashamed, embarrassed, but has accepted responsibility as I would have expected. I plead with you to remember that we all are human, we all make mistakes and we all deserve second chances. When something bad happens, it's easy to forget all of the good that one person has done. I know Bob would not have forgotten the way that John impacted his life for the better. Thanks to my Uncle John, I am inspired and able to make an impact helping people every day.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Canty

September 15, 2019

The Honorable Chief Justice Saris

John J. Moakley Courthouse

1 Courthouse Way

Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Dear Chief Justice Saris,


Originally established as a settlement house in South Boston, The Little House relocated to Dorchester in 1946. It became a member of Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses in 1965. I was assigned an internship at the Little House while a sophomore at Boston State College and the plans I had made while attending Girls' Latin School to become a teacher were upended and transformed. I was hired in 1974 and worked in multiple programs until 1987 when I was promoted to Director.

It was in that capacity that I first met Mr. John Lynch. I was responsible for the oversight of many programs, including: a preschool, a day care center, an alternative middle school, an after-school program, a teen program, mental health and substance abuse counseling, a food pantry and a summer camp, all operating out of our aging facility. The building was open from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM five days a week and limited hours on the weekend. Our funding was a combination of some public funding, some fees, and grants. Almost none of our funding covered physical plant needs. Due to faulty construction in 1980 the front steps started to crumble, creating hazards to anyone entering or exiting the building. A board member suggested I contact the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) and I was fortunate because the call was answered by Mr. Lynch. He responded that afternoon and assessed the situation. The next day, he researched and found an emergency fund grant I could apply for and after his work day, he came to the agency and assisted me with the application because my knowledge of engineering, construction and materials was limited, Mr. Lynch also took time to meet with the program directors to create a logistical plan that would minimize the interruption of services. The grant request was funded, and the stairs repaired all within a month's time.

Additionally, Mr. Lynch and his knowledge of the community ended up benefiting the programs for many years to come. A local bank was looking for a community project and Mr. Lynch facilitated the contact between the agency and the bank. The community day involved painting our classrooms and corridors, a project that was repeated for multiple years. The bank staff also collaborated with the Little House staff to create a financial literacy program that was adapted and utilized for many consumers and students.

Mr. Lynch went above and beyond his defined role to assist the agency, the community and me. His thoughtful and unselfish approach continued long after the project was complete. Mr. Lynch's professional response could have ended with the information about the fund, but he unselfishly offered his expertise and time. His contributions benefitted the community long after that initial contact. His guidance and support served as a model for my choices in how I responded to requests as a professional. I am grateful for Mr. Lynch, his intercession and involvement made me a stronger provider, and his generous spirit taught me how a simple kindness can have an echo effect that impacts and resonates for many. Mr. Lynch made a difference.

Sincerely,



Anne Nee



Weymouth, Massachusetts 

September 12, 2019

Dear Judge Patti B. Saris,

My name is Maryellen White and I am a niece of John Lynch. I am currently an employee of the Veteran's Administration in Jamaica Plain where I am fortunate to serve a very deserving group of heroes. Despite the transgression that has led us here today, my Uncle John has always been a hero to myself, our family and our friends.

My Uncle John has been the patriarch of the Lynch family. Whenever someone was in need, when Uncle John heard about it he was the first to reach out to quietly help them, often discreetly and without any fanfare. He has always been an unpretentious man who routinely went above and beyond to help those around him. If there was something he couldn't do, he would point you in the direction to get the assistance you need.

My Uncle John is one of 13 children raised in Dorchester in a tight-knit family. Several of his siblings died at a young age, two of whom left young children behind. My Uncle John took on a father-like role to these young boys, offering advice, support and love to these now grown men who still look up to him today. In addition to these boys, John's sincere and humble personality made him a favorite to the rest of his nieces and nephews in our large family as well.

I have always been proud to proclaim that I was John Lynch's niece because I knew how well he was thought of in the community. He has always been a man of great character and hearing about this case has left many shocked and surprised, myself included. While I realize these charges are serious, I believe that my Uncle John has shown remorse in making this serious mistake and will accept responsibility for his actions.

It is my hope that this court will take into consideration all of the sides of my Uncle John, not just this lapse in judgement that will forever tarnish his name. I believe his punishment has already begun in his heart as he feels he has let so many people down, especially his children.

Sincerely,

Maryellen White Bosse
Maryellen White Bosse



September 16, 2019

Chief Justice Patti B. Saris
John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse
1 Courthouse Way
Boston, MA 02210

Dear Chief Justice Saris:

My name is Bing Broderick, and I am the Executive Director of Haley House, an organization that has been fighting to address food and housing security in Boston since 1966. I have known John Lynch for 12 years, initially in his role as a City of Boston employee at the Department of Neighborhood Development. I came to know John as a caretaker of Catherine Flannery, an elderly resident (who has since passed on) in the Dudley Street/West Cottage Street neighborhood. Finally, in more recent years, I have known as a fellow Dorchester resident.

I first knew John Lynch as the Administrator of the Partners With Non-Profit grants in the Department of Neighborhood Development at the City of Boston. In this role, he helped Haley House access some much needed funds for capital improvements at our Roxbury Social Enterprise Cafe and at our South End Soup Kitchen. Of course, John assisted all of the vital non-profits in Boston in accomplishing their mission, often for things they might struggle to fund otherwise. John was mindful of the importance for us to keep our focus on our mission, and given that there was often a cumbersome process for applying and reporting on the use of these funds, John was always there to help us to comply with the standards.

Throughout his later years, John looked after an elderly woman named Catherine Flannery, who had been one of the founders of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. In his role at the Department of Neighborhood Development, John had helped Catherine purchase an abandoned house from the City in order to help her to secure her place in a changing environment. From that time on, he checked in on her to ensure she had what she needed and had company. As she grew older and less able to be independent, he arranged for one of our staff members to live with Catherine so that she had someone around her on a daily basis. Later, in Catherine's final years, I ran into John once at Catherine's when he was dropping in with a birthday present (it may have been her 90th birthday). In this way, John's work was far more than what was included in his job description.

Throughout the last ten years, I have regularly crossed paths with John, often at community meetings and public functions. I recall once running into him once when I was heading to visit my then-ailing mother, and John offered comforting words as a neighbor and a friend.

In so many ways, John has defined for me what it means to be a good citizen. I was alarmed to learn the charges against him, as they seem so greedy and dishonest - not the person I have known John to be.

Please let me know if I can offer any further insight into the person I have known John Lynch to be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Broderick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bing Broderick
Executive Director



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September 12, 2019

Dear Chief Justice Patti B. Saris:

My name is James Cassetta and I am the President/CEO of WORK, Inc located at 25 Beach Street in Dorchester, MA. WORK, Inc is the largest employer of individuals with disabilities in New England and employs over 120 individuals with disabilities in Boston and Eastern Massachusetts in all the major Federal sites in the region.

We re-located to Dorchester approximately 10 years ago from North Quincy and that is when I met John Lynch.

WORK, Inc was established in 1965 and we found a permanent home in Dorchester.

I cannot speak highly enough of John Lynch. John, as an active community member and avid supporter of our mission was instrumental in introducing WORK, Inc to the Community and because of his support and other supporters we were able to make a very smooth transition to our new home on Beach Street.

We had several community meetings which John helped to set up describing our programs and the individuals we support. Eventually the local neighborhood association; The Clam Point Civic Association supported our transition and to this day still holds their regular meetings at our headquarters in Dorchester.

John embraced our mission, attended and supported WORK, Inc sponsored events like our annual Christmas Party for over 400 individuals with disabilities, our summer barbecue attended by upwards of 400 individuals, and our Annual Awards Night for individuals with disabilities.

John's loyalty and support of what we do and who we support is incomparable and it is individuals like John who really contribute to the community and the quality of life for individuals with challenges and significant disabilities.

I cannot say enough about his character, loyalty, and dedication to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Cassetta', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

James Cassetta
President/CEO

Patrick Canty

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Date: September 22, 2019

The Honorable Chief Justice Patti B. Saris,
United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
1 Courthouse Way,
Boston, MA 02210

Re: Sentencing of John Lynch

Dear Judge Saris,

My name is Patrick Canty. I'm a manager for an Orthopedic implant company, husband to a lovely wife Francesse, father of [REDACTED] and lucky to be expecting another in November.

John Lynch is my uncle and I've known him my entire life. He is the cornerstone of a family of thirteen brothers and sisters that grew up in the Fields Corner section of Dorchester. Anytime anyone needed something, he was there for them. I never thought of it until I was an adult, but John Lynch was my example of what a man should be. He is dependable, reliable and loves his family unconditionally. He is always giving and happy to give. He's hosted holidays/communions/birthdays, wedding and baby showers for everyone in the extended family and many that weren't. Christmas and Thanksgiving were always interesting because inevitably he would host someone without family in the area like is neighbor Bob. When my uncles passed, John stepped up and organized the family to make life a little easier for their families. John is the only adult I've seen make volunteering for the community a part of his life. John had donated his time and resources to volunteering at the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club, the Gavin House, and a few others.

John's health is not what it used to be. Every day he's away, the family is missing a father and the community is missing a leader.

Thank you,

Pat Canty

EXHIBIT 2



BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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September 5, 2019

Mr. John M. Lynch

[REDACTED]
Dorchester, MA [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Lynch:

It has come to the attention of the Boston Retirement Board that you have entered into a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office (docket #1:19-cr-10319-PBS). Specifically, you will plead guilty to:

- (1) Bribery Involving Organization Receiving Federal Funds in violation of 18 USC §666(a)(1)(B); and,
- (2) Filing a False Tax Return in violation of 26 USC §7206(1).

As a member of the Boston Retirement System, you should be aware that if you are convicted of a crime related to your office or position, you shall forfeit your right to a retirement allowance. We note GL c. 32, §15(4), which states:

Forfeiture of pension upon misconduct. -- In no event shall any member after final conviction of a criminal offense involving violation of the laws applicable to his office or position, be entitled to receive a retirement allowance under the provisions of section one to twenty-eight, inclusive, nor shall any beneficiary be entitled to receive any benefits under such provisions on account of such member. The said member or his beneficiary shall receive, unless otherwise prohibited by law, a return of his accumulated total deductions; provided, however, that the rate of regular interest for the purpose of calculating accumulated total deductions shall be zero.

The Board reserves its rights to proceed with pension forfeiture proceedings upon your sentencing of the above-referenced offenses. Moreover, we note GL c. 32, §15(6) requires that the "member repay, all benefits received



after the date of the offense of which the member was convicted." Therefore, in the event your pension is forfeited, the Board shall seek a return of all benefits paid to you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
BOSTON RETIREMENT BOARD

By: 

Executive Officer 