

SAMPLE CHARACTER LETTER TO JUDGE BEFORE SENTENCING

Court Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Dear Honourable Judge,

I am writing this letter in support of the defendant, to provide insight into their character and to assist Your Honour in the sentencing decision. Having known the defendant for several years, I believe it is important to highlight their positive attributes, contributions to the community, and the context of their actions.

Personal Relationship with Defendant:

I have known the defendant for over ___ years as a friend/colleague/family member. During this time, I have observed them to be a responsible and caring individual, who regularly supports those around them and contributes positively to our community.

Defendant's Positive Qualities and Contributions:

The defendant has demonstrated consistent employment history, volunteer work, and a commitment to personal development. They have shown remorse for their actions and a genuine desire to make amends and improve their life moving forward.

Impact of Sentencing on Defendant and Dependents:

A custodial sentence would have a significant adverse effect on the defendant's family, who rely on their care and support. Alternatives to imprisonment, such as community-based orders, would better facilitate rehabilitation while maintaining family and community links.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I respectfully ask Your Honour to consider these factors in the sentencing of the defendant. I believe that with appropriate support and supervision, they can continue to be a constructive member of society. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

SIGNATORY'S SIGNATURE

Signature: _____

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