



**McKINNEY & MALAPIT LAW**

August 11, 2021

Hon. James Sweeney  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana  
46 E. Ohio St., Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Judge Sweeney,

My name is Mark McKinney. I am an attorney in Muncie Indiana and will have been a member of the Bar for thirty years in October of this year. I was greatly saddened to hear the news that Dennis Tyler was entering a guilty plea to one of the charges in the indictment. I have known Dennis for more than twenty years. During that time, he served the people of Muncie, Delaware County and the State of Indiana as a career firefighter, as a member of the State legislature and as Mayor of the City of Muncie. In my opinion, he did so with courage, honor and integrity, dedicated to helping and improving the lives of the citizens of this state. A prime example of this is the Courtyard Hotel and Erskine-Green Training Institute (EGTI) in downtown Muncie. Dennis was particularly drawn to this cause because one of his grandchildren is on the autism spectrum. EGTI provides training for developmentally disabled adults, teaching them independent living skills and providing them with job training so they can enter the workforce. EGTI now serves as a model, across the world, for training adults with developmental disabilities to live independently and to obtain employment. One cannot overstate the value of Dennis' leadership in seeing that project realized.

He risked his life too many times to count fighting fires during his career. He fought tirelessly to improve the lives of our citizens, particularly those who suffer from a disability or who are marginalized. He led a resurgence of our downtown and he has been a great husband, father and grandfather.

Whether he was fighting fires or fighting in the political arena at the state or local level, Dennis spent his life working to better our community. It is truly a tragedy that this legacy has been tarnished over a \$5,000 campaign donation. It is my hope that you will consider his lifetime of service in our community and give that body of work significant weight, leading you to a merciful and mitigated sentence in this case.

Sincerely,

McKINNEY & MALAPIT LAW

Mark R. McKinney





July 9, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Character Reference Letter for Dennis Tyler

Dear Judge Sweeney:

I first met Dennis Tyler over 25 years ago when my husband and I began volunteering for democrat candidates in our area. We worked together as professionals when he became Mayor. I have had the opportunity to work with four Mayors during my tenure at the Horizon Convention Center and was most impressed with the vision and ideas Dennis Tyler brought to the job. His love of our community, people with disabilities and his family all blended into a vision for our city unlike any other Mayor before or since.

Dennis knew the downtown was struggling and in need of a hotel to allow our convention center to reach its potential. He also knew The Arc of Indiana was looking for a place to locate its teaching hotel and training institute for people with disabilities. He added to that a plan for improved infrastructure that supports people with disabilities including safe bike lanes, ADA-compliant sidewalks, and intersections, all to create a safe and welcoming community for all.

Dennis Tyler knew how to call forth the talents of many different people who wanted to make a better future for our community. His campaign theme of "Imagine the Possibilities When We Work Together" played out day in and day out with creativity, collaboration, and inclusion as he spearheaded many community-improvement projects.

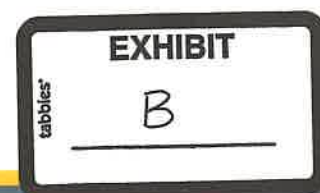
He is a respecter of all people no matter their background. I was in many meetings with him during his tenure in office and found him to be kind, caring, respectful and honest in all my interactions with him. He has made a lasting, positive impact on our community and especially for the convention center and all the staff who work here.

I will always be grateful for the many improvements Dennis made to our downtown and for his commitment to our citizens and prospective citizens with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joann McKinney".

Joann McKinney  
President/CEO





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July 31, 2021

James P. Borgmann  
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The Honorable James R. Sweeney, II  
Judge, United States District Court  
Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division  
46 East Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

**Re: Dennis Tyler**

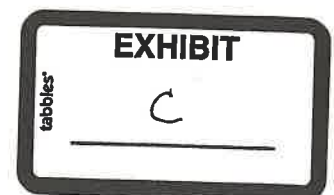
Dear Judge Sweeney:

My name is Jim Borgmann and I have been practicing business law in Muncie, Indiana since 1987 and have served as the managing partner of DeFur Voran LLP for the past 14 years. I have served as the Chair of IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital Foundation for more than ten years, and for several years as the chair of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the Muncie Children's Museum, and on the Ross Community Center Board, and it is in these community roles that I first came to know Dennis Tyler and have worked with him for more than 20 years.

Dennis has worked tirelessly and generously to support the children, elderly, disadvantaged and marginalized residents of our community as well as supporting opportunities to expand the economic position of the community. Dennis and I served on the Red Cross Board when he was with the Muncie Fire Department, and he worked closely with fire prevention and CPR training activities. In the 1990s, Dennis supported the growth of the Muncie Children's Museum to support hands-on learning and physical activity for children.

More recently, I worked with Dennis on the project to establish the ARC Training Center in the Courtyard Hotel in Muncie, Indiana. The IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital Foundation donated \$3 million to help establish the training center to provide individuals with physical and mental limitations opportunities to develop skills to help them find employment in the hospitality and hospital industries. Without Dennis Tyler's efforts, the Training Center is not established and the lives for so many of these individuals is tremendously limited and difficult. In most all economic times, less than 25% of individuals with disabilities find employment. The Training Center places almost 100% of its graduates in positive employment situations, allowing the graduates to have self-confidence and be independent.

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As an elected representative, Dennis spent countless hours supporting the community centers, schools, early learning centers and programs, scouting, organizations assisting the disabled, all with the goal of helping and supporting those facing life's challenges, and he did it with sincerity and tremendous passion solely for the benefit of those people or organizations and not for personal gain or attention.

I have been blessed to work with many caring and community oriented leaders, and Dennis Tyler is one of the top five in caring, compassion and commitment. All communities need people like Dennis to make their community a better place and to have someone that cares enough to help change and improve the lives of others. His compassionate leadership has endured and inspired many people, and he is a person to whom people should aspire to be.

Dennis Tyler can continue to inspire and improve the lives of others in our community, but not if he is removed from it and placed in a federal prison. Individuals are entitled to make mistakes, and those individuals that undertake greater and a higher volume of endeavors make more mistakes than the person that never ventures out to help support anyone. If we are keeping score, Dennis's contributions are one thousand fold greater than his mistakes. I urge the Court to recognize the totality of Dennis's generous efforts for the good of others, his public service as a fireman, state legislator, Mayor and community volunteer and leader, and to permit Dennis to serve any punishment solely with community service where he makes such a difference.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and the other letters of support on behalf of Dennis Tyler.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. Borgmann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".

James P. Borgmann

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July 30, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 East Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney,

I am writing this letter in support of Dennis Tyler to show my characterization of him during my years working with him on projects and programs in the City of Muncie. I am aware he pled guilty to theft, and for his transgressions I am sorry for everyone involved, especially the people of the city he lead.

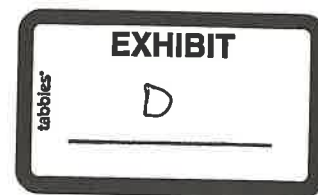
A little background on me: I am the president and CEO of Ball Brothers Foundation, a charitable organization in Muncie. My service on local and state boards is extensive—from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital to serving my fourth consecutive appointment by various governors to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education—among a dozen or so on which I am currently active. I have lived in Muncie since 1996, and I identify politically as a Republican, opposite of Dennis' affiliation.

My work with Dennis began during his first term as mayor. Dennis and I hit things off well from the beginning and had a very good relationship as we worked to make the city better. I was involved in many efforts, including the Next Muncie leadership group work, with Dennis. Next Muncie is a handful of leaders that communicate projects to other people and organizations, as well as form larger partnerships when needed to complete projects for the benefit of Muncie's citizens ([www.nextmuncie.com](http://www.nextmuncie.com)). We had several successes and Dennis was a considerable part of those accomplishments.

In his dealings with me during our work on various projects and programs over his two terms, I did not see Dennis have anything but the city in his interests. Whatever he is purported to have done was not something I experienced, so I cannot speak to that subject matter. We had a warm working relationship that accomplished some good lasting things for Muncie and I would like that to be my personal view of Dennis for you as you work toward sentencing.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
  
Jud Fisher



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July 19, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 East Ohio Street  
Court Room 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Dennis Tyler

Dear Judge,

I am writing to you on behalf of Dennis Tyler. I have known Dennis my entire adult life. As a young adult, I first met him when he was the campaign chairman for my Father's campaign for Prosecutor. I saw his dedication to our community then. His attention to matters affecting our community, his ability to identify an issue, and then address that issue was evident to me at an early age.

Once I returned from law school, I worked with Dennis when he was our State Representative. When someone would reach out to him in this capacity needing legal assistance, whether it would be help getting their drivers license privileges restored, or needing help navigating the disability arena, Dennis would reach out to myself and others to assist that citizen. He was always accessible to the community and used his resources and contacts to provide whatever help he could to them.

Dennis loves this community more than any other person that I know. Our downtown development has been in large part due to his vision and his forward thinking and his belief in Muncie. I have always seen Dennis as a community leader, as someone who invests himself in the people of our community. If he had the ability to help someone, he would.

I cannot speak intelligently regarding the facts and circumstances of his criminal case before you, other than what I have read in the media. If he has made a mistake, then the Dennis that I know will take responsibility for it. What I can speak intelligently about, based upon personal experience, is that Dennis Tyler will go above and beyond to help another person in need, and at the expense of his time and energy. I have witnessed this more times than I can

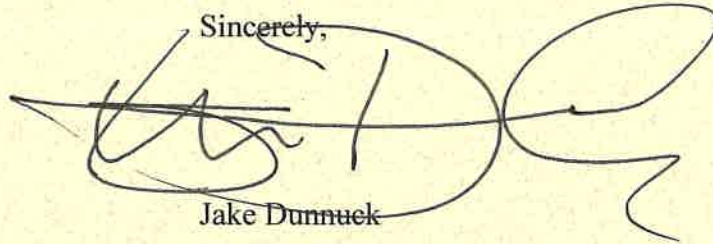


The Honorable James Sweeney  
July 19, 2021  
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count. And he did those things for people when there was no personal benefit.

I hope that you will take into consideration the lifetime of good and public service that Dennis Tyler has given. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JD', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jake Dunnuck

Chandler Thompson  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I have acquired the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Mayor Dennis Tyler for at least 5 years. We met while he and my parents were members of Union Missionary Baptist Church, and me becoming the Head Varsity Basketball Coach for Muncie Central High School. As the years progressed, our relationship developed into a strong friendship.

I am writing in reference on the behalf of Dennis Tyler, who is appearing before your court. Mr. Tyler is a person of moral character. I realize that might seem hard to believe, given the circumstances; but it's true nonetheless. I have seen Mayor Tyler go out of his way to help others, especially with the Muncie Central basketball program. I have observed how he would assist the middle schools sports programs in Muncie without being noticed. He would always asked if we need any assistance and to please reach out when in need.

Mr. Tyler has made mistakes, and he is incredibly remorseful and is willing to do whatever it takes to make amends, whether those amends be financial and/or emotional if possible. In order for him to do that he needs you to give him an opportunity to get a second chance. I recognize the power you wield with regard to Mr. Tyler's future, and pray that a fair decision is made.

I am a believer in second chances. Almost 2 years ago I suffered a heart attack and GOD granted me a second chance at life. I follow all of my doctor's orders, and I stay focus on getting healthier every day. At times it becomes difficult, but with GOD's help, I manage. I believe Mr. Tyler will do everything right if he is given that second chance.

Thank you,  
Chandler Thompson  
Muncie Central Head Boy Basketball Coach





Tammy Neal  
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July 20, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

To the honorable James Sweeney:

I have known Dennis Tyler since 2006. I first met him regarding business and reaching out to him as a state representative. I have known Dennis over the years as a person who goes out of his way to help others and genuinely cares.

For the time that I have know Dennis, I have known him to be a very kind, caring and concerned person. He wants to help individuals and cares about others as well as his community. He was so devoted and helpful to assist us with getting help with our autistic daughter. There are few individuals who go above and beyond to not only listen but to go the extra mile to assist by reaching out to others to help us with our situation.

To elaborate, I first met Dennis in 2006. Dennis was a state representative. My husband and I were desperate to try and find help for our autistic daughter. She had been on the waiting list for the dd waiver and the autism waiver for over 6 years with very little movement. We were an average income family both working full time jobs. We needed the income and the insurance for medical bills and care for our child.

Besides the waiting list for both waivers, she was on a waiting list for Lifestream Services for 4 years hoping to receive some respite care hours for her.

We were parents of a special needs child who was not only autistic but had a seizure disability and had spent years on waiting list trying to get some help. It is hard to find anyone to help care for a severely autistic individual.

In 2006, we had a meeting with Dennis and explained to him our situation. We had been on waiting list for years and no help seemed to be available. He was very kind and concerned about our situation. We attended a meeting at the state house where we explained to a room full of individuals about our situation and how we needed some help with our daughter. Shortly after we were contacted by Livestream Services, who were able to help us with some respite hours. Once they heard our daughter's situation and that not only was she autistic, but also uncontrolled seizures they were able to help us.

Because of Dennis listening to our story and having us explain our situation to a room full of individuals who after the meeting were happy to try to see what they could do to help. Those individuals consisted of people from Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services, Indiana Department of Education, Family and Social Services, etc. Dennis was happy to try to help us in anyway and help us to make the right contacts that might open a door for our daughter.

Thank You



Tammy Neal



The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Honorable James Sweeney,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dennis Tyler for more than a decade. Mr. Dennis and I were members of Union Missionary Baptist Church for a few years. Also, his oldest grandson was a student at the elementary school where I worked. I hope you don't mind that I am referring to Dennis Tyler as "Mr. Dennis". I was brought up to respect my elders and when using their first name, I must use Mr. or Miss. when addressing them. So, after getting to know Mr. Dennis through church and school, I found through our conversations that he had a deep passion for community and working with our youth.

Mr. Dennis was a staple in the Muncie Community. He was at every school function supporting his grandson. This is where I really got to know Mr. Dennis and the kind of man that he was. Mr. Dennis is a God fearing man, full of character, a deep love for community and respect for others. I know all of these things to be true, because of our connections through church, his grandkids and sports. Mr. Dennis would sponsor student/athletes at Muncie Northside and then be at the games to show his support. That was just the kind of person Mr. Dennis was.

I could write a book on all that this man has done in the Muncie Community, for all people. He has sponsored countless events for the children and families in the Muncie Community. His annual Easter egg hunt is one such time and was always a fun time had by all. Mr. Dennis was always gracious even when you could tell that he was tired and needed a break. That speaks volumes to his character. Mr. Dennis has always been kind to me and my family and genuinely cares about our well-being.

I would like to thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully,

  
Tara Gudger



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June 14, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 East Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Dennis Tyler

Dear Judge:

My name is Jack Quirk, and I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the States of Texas and Indiana. I have been practicing law in Muncie, Indiana for fifty (50) years.


I met Dennis Tyler somewhere around 1977 when he was Vice President of the local Firefighters Union. He had been employed and also active in issues which involved the firefighters. He became President of the Union. I was the Attorney for the City of Muncie and worked with Dennis. I found him to be honest and he did not attempt to mislead us on the issues which involved the City Administration and the Fire Department. He was very active in civic programs, and he assisted the community by his actions. He was elected Indiana State Representative for District 34 and served in that capacity for six (6) years until he was elected Mayor of Muncie, Indiana in 2012. Our law firm was appointed to represent the city. We worked with Dennis, and I found him to be dedicated to the community. He had many programs such as raising money to pay community member's utility bills, rent, and medical bills. He started a program to encouraging children in lower-income neighborhoods to work hard in school by again raising money in order to purchase bikes for children who did well.



These programs were not broadly published or acknowledged; he did these activities just to help people.

I have worked in three different Mayoral administrations: one Republican and Two Democrat. My observation about Dennis is that throughout his public life he performed to help people. Hopefully his attempts to assist people will be examined and taken into consideration in the disposition of the case before the Court.

Sincerely,

  
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Jack Quirk  
Attorney at Law  
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June 14, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney,

I have known Dennis Tyler for forty years. We first met when he was a union officer in Muncie and I was a union officer for the Indianapolis Firefighters. He conducted himself professionally with the members and taught me how to be a good advocate for my members. During the years he was in the General Assembly I worked with him closely on legislation for firefighters and public safety. During all of this, Dennis was well respected and conducted himself with integrity. He listened thoughtfully to what our issues were and proposed solutions that worked for everyone. We accomplished a lot for public safety in Indiana, for disabled firefighters and fallen firefighters' families.

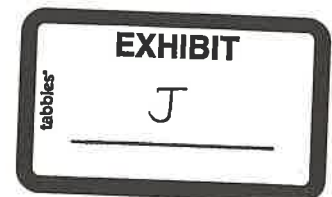
When Dennis became mayor, I got to observe him firsthand working with his members after a difficult four years with the previous administration. Dennis methodically addressed the issues and fixed the problems left for him by the previous administration.

My experiences with Dennis over the last forty years have been nothing but positive and productive for firefighters and the fire service in Indiana. I hope you will consider the years of service that Dennis provided with integrity and thoughtfulness. Any consideration you give him is deeply appreciated by myself and the Indiana Fire Service.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hanify  
President, PFFUI



July 9, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Dennis Tyler

Honorable Sweeney,

My name is Linda Dobbs and I have known Dennis Tyler and his entire family for over sixty years. Dennis came from very humble beginnings. He was raised by his wonderful mother who lived in government housing. She raised her children to be honest, and have a caring heart and to help others in anyway possible.

For all the years I have known Dennis I have known him to be very generous and to help many many families in need. Here are just a few of things I myself have witnessed; An elderly lady I know personally had gone without her medication for almost two months, I did not have the means to help her so I reached out to Dennis and he got in contact with the lady and he paid for her medication for her from his own money and he even went a step farther and helped the lady get signed up for disability. There was another time a young mother of four kids had not food in the house and very little money to live on and Dennis got her and her family food, helped get her signed up for food stamps and he even paid her utility bills. Dennis is a man with a heart of gold.

My oldest daughter Angie was diagnosed with Cancer. Her boss at the Delaware County Clerk's Office had terminated my daughter's employment without telling her. She found out when she went to her chemotherapy treatment and they told her that her insurance had been cancelled due to termination of employment. I reached out to Dennis, devastated and not knowing what to do, he went to Delaware County Human Resources and arranged for them to reinstate Angie until the proper channels were handled and we could get Angie on disability. He walked us through every step of the process of getting Angie signed up for disability and even reached out to people he knew that could tell us everything we needed to know to speed the process up and so that Angie would not get denied as many do the first time applying. I can never thank Dennis enough for all he done to help my daughter to be able to continue with her chemotherapy. He was truly a godsend.

Now I will tell you what Dennis means to Muncie, he loves his city with all his heart, he has worked hard to bring in new businesses. He has done a lot to make our city grow and be profitable. But most of all his work with the youth programs and the programs to help the underprivileged as well as the elderly. His compassion is unmeasurable.

I have always thought of Dennis and his entire family as my



Dennis is a very genuine person. If you can please find it in your heart to be lenient in your sentencing of Dennis. It truly would be for the betterment of his family, his friends and the City he worked so hard for over the years. I consider myself a better person for having Dennis as a friend. I know he would do anything in his power to help not only me but anyone else that needs him.

I appreciate you taking your time to read this letter and for considering a more lenient sentence for Dennis.

Very truly yours,



Linda L. Dobbs

June 15, 2021

To: The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Dennis Tyler

My name is Alison Quirk and I am a Middle School Teacher in Muncie IN and I am writing this letter on behalf of Dennis Tyler. I have known Dennis Tyler for over 20 years. He lived down the street from my husband and I when we were first married and we found him to be a kind, caring and responsible neighbor. We continued to get to know Mr. Tyler and we greatly appreciated the time and dedication he gave to both our neighborhood and the greater Muncie Community. Dennis was a dedicated firefighter and he cared about the well being of others. Dennis wanted to improve the quality of life for those around him and he always took time to help those he could and do his part to find solutions to problems within the community.

My relationship with Dennis changed to a professional capacity while I was on the Muncie City Council and he became Mayor. Mr. Tyler and I worked together on a number of projects within the community including working to create a joint City- County Animal Control program, helping the ARC of Indiana create a hotel and learning facility to help people with disabilities, and working to make needed improvements within our downtown area. I truly enjoyed working with Mr. Tyler and I believe that he was genuinely interested in making Muncie a great place to live. He wanted to help our schools, he worked with numerous non profit organizations and had a special interest in helping people with different abilities, especially those with autism. I hope that this letter gives you an opportunity to see a glimpse of the good that Dennis has shared within our community. Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Respectfully,

Alison Quirk





July 7, 2021

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The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street, Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: Dennis Tyler Character Letter

Dear Judge Sweeney:

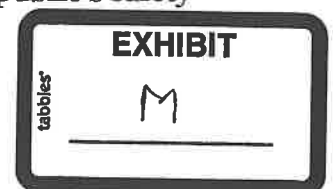
I would first like to start by thanking you for the opportunity to talk about my nearly 37 year relationship with Dennis Tyler. I was hired on the Muncie Fire Department on November 23, 1985. I was very proud to be a fireman, but I had lots of questions. I quickly learned that the Muncie Fire Department was very much like a large family. One of the people I first met was Dennis Tyler. He was eager to help me and teach me about the fire service. We became great friends inside and outside of the department.

The first thing I learned about Dennis as a person was how he cared about the people we came in contact with on a daily basis. No matter the person's social status, race, or needs it made no difference to Dennis. He treated everyone the same. This was exactly how my parents raised our family. It was truly refreshing to see a person working in an officer's capacity that truly cared about every person he came in contact with.

I had an opportunity to work for Dennis at his station where he served as Captain of the South End of Muncie. At this same time, Dennis was also serving as the State Representative for District 34. Dennis would sit at the kitchen table during our down time and respond to emails and letters that had been sent to him. He always wanted to be personal when responding to people in his district. Dennis Tyler hand wrote the response back to these folks. Some days it would be 3 or 4 hours that he would sit at that kitchen table writing personal letters to his constituents. And, in many cases, Dennis would personally call the person and/or make personal visits on his days off.

I thought it was a great idea when he said he was thinking of running for Mayor of Muncie because I knew that there could not be a more caring person for the office of mayor. Dennis won the election and he asked me to become his Fire Chief. By appointing me as his Fire Chief, this was the first time in the history of Muncie that a black person had served in this capacity. I was proud of this accomplishment and did my best to serve Dennis' administration and the community.

We hit the ground running. The previous administration had closed 3 of the 7 fire stations. Mayor Tyler knew that the closures of these stations had put the public's safety



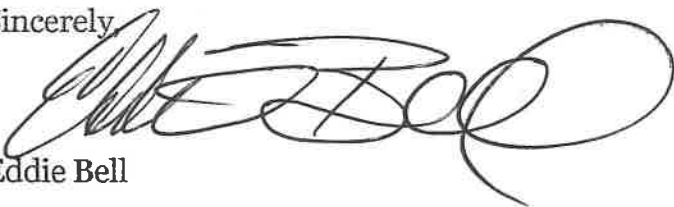
in jeopardy. He said that he wanted to reopen the stations, and within the span of about 2 months we had repaired and reopened all stations. Dennis continued to make things better for citizens by making all fire stations 'safe stations'. His idea was that the stations are located throughout the city and if someone needed help they could stop at any fire station. The stations were for women and children who were being abused or bullied or suffering from domestic abuse or any other problem they were having. One day while I was at one of the stations, a young boy came to the door and rang the bell. When I went out to see what he needed, he asked if I could help him. We brought him into the station and asked him what was wrong. He then proceeded to tell us that he needed help for his daddy. He did not want his daddy to get in trouble, but he wasn't acting like himself because he was using drugs. The little boy wanted us to get his daddy help. He had heard that if he needed help, that he could go to any fire station and get help. While I cannot say that we solved all of this child's problems, I can say that we did everything within our power to get his daddy some help. This was what Dennis envisioned, and I can say there is nothing more powerful than a 10 year old child coming to you asking for you to help their daddy.

I saw Mayor Tyler help so many people in so many ways. He turned all the fire stations into warming and cooling stations. During deadly heat or frigid cold, people could come in for a bit to get out of the elements. He partnered with different organizations to help feed kids, to bring kids programming back into city parks, to give away bikes for low income schools, and maybe the biggest was the new hotel that educates special needs individuals to go out into the workforce.

The last thing that I will speak of is Fire Based EMS. Mayor Tyler wanted Fire Based EMS started because response time for citizens throughout the city would be better and would most certainly save lives. The service was implemented and immediately began to pay dividends by getting citizens help sooner and saving lives all because Dennis Tyler pushed this program into service for the City of Muncie.

I hope that there can be leniency for a man that has done so much for so many in our great community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Bell', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Eddie Bell

*Mr. Kipper V. Tew  
6151 Halton Place  
Indianapolis, IN 46220*

July 1, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney:

I have known Dennis Tyler for over 20 years. He was a legislator and I was a lobbyist. Many think those kinds of relationships are the definition of corruption and most people can be forgiven for having the cynical view of that. Though I was not so closely involved with the process, I would share it and that perspective helps to make my point. Never in all the years I have known Dennis did he ever cross a line in any way. We became good friends over the years and remained so after his service in the legislature. It was my experience that Dennis was always working hard for his constituents, fighting to give them a shot, focused on them and not himself. Dennis was a forthright legislator, who told you what he was for, what he would vote for and what he would not. He was always completely honest with me and I came to trust his word implicitly. He never asked for any favors, never ever sought personal gain from any vote, never did anything to make me question which side of the line he was on as a politician. In my (now) long career in the lobbying world, we kind of got to know the folks who were questionable, some who crossed the line and whose views were much more malleable depending on the quality of wine or seats to the big game. That was never Dennis Tyler.

Later, when he became a mayor, he turned to my law firm for assistance in several legal projects for his City. I spent many hours in meetings with Dennis, with his staff, and with others. He always conducted himself with integrity and as importantly, with the interests of the people of Muncie first in his mind and heart. He was a ball of energy always trying every day to make his city a better place. He cared deeply about his town and the people in it. He was one of my all-time favorite clients.

One project that stands out for me was his dogged determination to build a hotel with the ARC of Indiana that was to be a training facility for people with developmental disabilities. That became the Erskine Green Training institute. The project would not exist without him, it was part of his vision and it is a stunning success in the ARC community. I know several families personally who have had their lives change in dramatic ways because of that project.

Dennis is my friend and I am certainly not unbiased, but I think he lived very close to these words of Francis of Assisi:



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“Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.”

Unfortunately, he let his eyes get cloudy in a terrible lapse of judgement. He spent his entire life in service of others, as a longtime firefighter, then as a legislator and finally as a very popular Mayor. He has expressed to me deep remorse. He is very torn up about how his life's work will now be seen through the prism of this bad mistake. He is very ashamed of what he did and how it reflects on him, his family, and the citizens of the City of Muncie.

Your Honor, I never aspired to be a judge because I am familiar with the difficulty in making decisions like this. You must weigh the importance of the rule of law, the optics that the sentence will send, the totality of service, the deterrence aspect, all of which I am glad I do not have to weigh. I know my friend Dennis and I believe he deserves mercy because I have seen the kind of person he has been for over 20 years. I will just leave you with a quote by President Abraham Lincoln “I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice” I hope you find the Dennis is deserving of mercy.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kipper V. Tew', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kipper V. Tew

June 25, 2021

Pastor Jerry Blevins  
2621 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Muncie, IN 47302

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Sweeney:

I am Jerry Blevins, Pastor of Higher Praise Ministry Inc. located at 2401 S Gharkey St, Muncie, IN 47302. I moved to Muncie in 1972 after serving in the Vietnam War. In 1988, God called me to serve Him and his people, which I obediently embraced. In 1989, I moved away from Muncie while doing God's work but returned ten years later and have remained here since that time continuing to minister to God's people.

Approximately nine years ago, I met Mayor Dennis Tyler at a veteran's program. I approached and introduced myself to him and a conversation began. During that conversation, I discovered we had a common compassion as Dennis shared about his brother being a veteran as well. From this initial encounter, I knew that Dennis was different. He was not like many elected officials who oftentimes pretend to listen and show an interest to only forget your name the moment they turn away. Dennis was warm and inviting and he not only spoke with me, but he attentively listened to me. Later, I began regularly attending Mayor Tyler's pastors' meeting held every third Tuesday in the mayor's conference room in city hall.

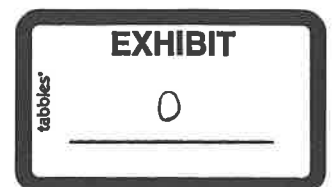
In 2018, I began a quest to secure a permanent location for my ministry. In June 2019, the city of Muncie and Mayor Dennis Tyler blessed Higher Praise Ministry Inc. by bestowing upon us the building located at 2401 S. Gharkey St. This blessing provided a secure home allowing us to provide outreach programs from within a neglected and forgotten community. One of the missions of Higher Praise Ministry is to assist with revitalizing this community and providing hope to its residents by reminding them that they too are important and have meaning. Dennis Tyler's love and concern for people as well as his confidence in me helped to make this possible.

I have a great deal of respect for Dennis Tyler. He has a genuine love for people and the communities within Muncie, but he shows a greater concern for those communities that are oftentimes disregarded by all others. Dennis Tyler's efforts when helping others was never meager. When he commits to helping someone, he puts everything that he has into it to guarantee that the task is accurately accomplished. As mayor, I truly loved Dennis's open-door policy. His doors were always open to everyone, and though he had a demanding schedule, he never turned anyone away. We as human beings are faced with difficult decisions every day. Sometimes we make good decisions and sometimes we make bad decisions, but whatever decision that we choose to make be it good, bad, right, or wrong, does not always define who we are as individuals. As difficult as it is for some people to admit and accept, we are all subject to human error, and this is what defines us as human beings.

Sincerely,



Pastor, Jerry Blevins



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July 2, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 East Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Dennis Tyler

Dear Honorable Judge Sweeney,

The purpose of this letter is to support my good friend Dennis Tyler, former Mayor of the City of Muncie. I've known Dennis for many years, going back to his days as one of the leaders of the Indiana Firefighters Association, and then as legislator to the Indiana House of Representatives, followed by his two terms as Mayor of the City of Muncie.

Dennis has been a leader and has stood up for the "common man" in all positions in which he has served over the last many years. He has been both a man of integrity and an exceptionally hard and tireless worker.

In his last eight years as Mayor of Muncie, his strong work ethic has led to an extreme amount of progress towards bringing Muncie back from the abyss with new businesses and all kinds of development.

He has also been exceptionally active in his personal life as a volunteer and supporter of many charities, as well as participating with his family in many functions.

I've had the privilege to observe these interactions and know that he is looked upon by everyone as a man of deep faith and commitment to his community. Thank you for this opportunity to give my opinion concerning Dennis.

Sincerely yours,



Gregory F. Hahn

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July 01, 2021

Mary Chambers  
118 N. Claypool  
Muncie, In. 47303

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street, Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, In. 46204

Re: Dennis Tyler

Dear Judge Sweeney:

My name is Mary Chambers. I have served the city of Muncie and Delaware County as a city council person and a county council person for multiple terms over the entirety of my adult life. I am 81 years old, so that should give you an idea of how long I have been doing this. I have known Dennis Tyler for over 50 years of my life, and he has worked alongside me serving this community for all those years. I know Dennis as someone who does things because 'it is the right thing to do'. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard him use those exact words.

Dennis and I came into politics with the ideal to govern to help those less fortunate. If I was unable to help someone or a family in need, I have always known that I could count on Dennis to find a way to get them assistance. We both were very upset by previous administrations attempts to bypass or maneuver around the County Prevailing Wage Setting Boards for projects. When the state eliminated it, things only got worse as contractors were able to play games with employees' wages. When Dennis became Mayor, he put forth the Responsible Bidder Ordinance to ensure that contractors were following the rules and that the City had the ability to audit payroll and receipts. Dennis did this because 'it was the right thing to do'.

When Dennis served as the state representative for our district, he had obtained one of the most prestigious positions that an elected official could obtain. He was doing the work that he had always wanted to do, and he was helping our community. But, the city of Muncie was in chaos due to the previous administration, and Muncie needed new leadership. Dennis decided to step up and run for Mayor. I don't know of too many people who would leave a state office to pursue a local office. But, Dennis did it because 'it was the right thing to do'. While running for the office, the state put forth 5 different pieces of legislation that would have been horribly destructive to public schools and organized labor. In an effort to prevent these bills from becoming law, Dennis left the state of Indiana along with several other legislators and stayed in Urbana, IL for an

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extended period of time. It was highly controversial, and could have cost him his election for Mayor. But, Dennis did it because 'it was the right thing to do.'

I've known Dennis a very long time, and in all of that time, I've only known him to be a person who champions and advocates for those who need it. He has worked tirelessly to get legislation passed that will help struggling families. He has helped in creating better unemployment and worker's compensation benefits. He has done much in trying to create better quality of lives for those with disabilities. The Arc Hotel in downtown Muncie is a testament to Dennis' commitment to those with disabilities. It is a one of a kind hotel that serves as a teaching institution for those with disabilities. It gives them an opportunity to learn skills and live independently. What a wonderful thing to have accomplished in one's lifetime!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Chambers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Chambers



June 28, 2021

Marilyn Kay Walker  
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765-760-0405

DENNIS TYLER CHARACTER REFERENCE LETTER

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk about my dear friend, Dennis Tyler. I have known Dennis for at least thirty years. In all the time I have known him, I have only known him to be a kind, generous, and compassionate person.

I grew up in a family in which both of my parents served our community as elected officials. As I became an adult, I naturally gravitated to a life of politics. That is where I met Dennis Tyler. He was fireman at that time, and he was involved in politics. He helped on my parents' campaigns, attended events for them, and walked many many neighborhoods to help them get elected. We shared a political ideology, and we both love the city of Muncie with all of our hearts. As the years passed, I eventually was elected to the office of Center Township Trustee, and Dennis served first in the statehouse, and then became the Mayor of Muncie. I was never so proud of my friend as I was on the day he was elected Mayor. I knew that he would do good things for this community.

As the Center Township Trustee, I work almost exclusively with the people in our community who are most at risk. Muncie has a particularly high poverty rate of approximately 30%. There are a lot of people in need in our community. I don't know if you know this or not, but Dennis Tyler grew up in low income government housing. His mother was a single mother raising her boys alone. Dennis knows exactly what it is to be in poverty. He knows the stigma and challenges associated with it. One of his brothers struggled with mental illness his entire life. Dennis has a deep sensitivity for those who are burdened by the daily challenges of dealing with life when they have mental health issues or disabilities.

When Dennis became Mayor, it was an exciting time for our city. Dennis put in place a multitude of partnerships with different organizations within our community that truly helped those in need. We partnered with the city to help provide Warming/Cooling stations throughout

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Muncie when the weather temperatures became extreme. This was a huge deal for many of our clients who have no way to keep warm or stay cool when we are going through extreme weather conditions. The Center Township Trustee's office and the City of Muncie partnered with Bridges Community Services to help find temporary housing solutions for those who would otherwise risk their health for lack of suitable housing. To this day, I am extremely proud of this program that was put together with the help of my friend Dennis Tyler.

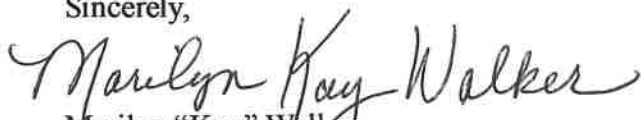
As I have stated earlier, Muncie has a rather high poverty rate. In the summertime, many of our youth go hungry because their families lack the means to provide food. These children are on free lunch programs during the school year, and for many, the food that is provided during school is the only nourishment that they receive on a daily basis. Dennis partnered with the Muncie Community School system to provide free breakfast/lunch to these children during the summer months so that they would not go hungry. He knew that the future of our city depends on these children being able to be educated and being hungry is not a good state to learn.

Dennis also implemented summer youth programs in our parks and recreation departments so that our young children would have activities to keep them busy and active during the summer months. He partnered with other non for profit organizations to give teenagers the opportunity to work during the summer to gain work experience.

And, finally, I worked with Dennis to help bring Fire Based Emergency Medical Services to Muncie. This was a crucial program to bring faster response times to the underserved areas of our community. I know that Dennis' years as a fireman taught him how important seconds are in saving a life. This was a very controversial move, but in the end, this will be remembered as one of the most important programs that was taken on by the city of Muncie. I am very proud to have been a part of making this happen, and proud that my friend Dennis was able to make it happen.

While I realize that Dennis is coming before you because he has pled guilty to a crime that you must decide what the punishment must be, I want you to know that Dennis Tyler is not a bad person. He is a good person. He came from a life of poverty and became a fireman, then a state representative, and then Mayor of the City of Muncie. But, he didn't forget what his life of poverty was like. He wanted to help the people of this community who still struggle with the daily challenges of poverty. He did help these people. He helped them more than many will ever realize. I ask that as you decide the sentence for my dear friend, Dennis Tyler, that you know that the good that this man has done in his life is far, far greater than any bad that he may have done. I ask that you are as lenient as you possibly can be in your sentencing.

Sincerely,



Marilyn "Kay" Walker  
Center Township Trustee

**Terrell Cooper | 4447 Crimson Court | Grand Blanc, MI | 48439 | terrell.cooper@gmail.com**

June 19, 2021

**The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

Dear Honorable James Sweeney,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dennis Tyler, a nobleman that I am proud to acknowledge I have known for 27 years. I first met Mr. Tyler, better known to me as Mr. T, when I was 11.

For three consecutive years, Mr. T would openly welcome two of my other inner-city friends and me to his home during our summer breaks from school. We played basketball with his son, Dennis Lee, during the school year and would travel throughout the region to Richmond, Dayton, Evansville, and Indianapolis, to play in basketball tournaments on the weekends. Mr. T and his family would cover the cost of our entry fees, uniforms, and food when we traveled, but our parents always sent us with spending money.

On the surface, this was a way for us to remain active during the summer – bonding as friends and sharpening our skills on the basketball court. But as I continued to build a relationship with the entire Tyler family, beyond our summer tournament excursions, I was able to reflect on the impact that those summers had on my development as a young adult. Although I come from and have a great family, I grew up in a single-parent household, and my mother worked two jobs to provide for my brother and me. I had a lot of spare time, and my time and actions could have easily been misdirected and distracted during those formative years; however, I attribute Mr. T and his wife for helping to keep me grounded and moving along the correct path. They did not have to welcome me/us into their home week after week, year after year – even until this day.

He has been a consistent influence and a fatherly figure in my life, and I'm not sure where I would be today without his involvement. I have a deep appreciation for him and his altruistic values. It's even more impactful as I reflect on Mr. T during this Juneteenth/Father's Day weekend and how his contributions guided me along a path to freedom, backed by his ability to bestow fatherly wisdom upon my peers and me.

Respectfully Submitted,



Terrell Cooper



June 29, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney:

I am writing to you on behalf of Dennis Tyler. I came to know Dennis in about 2010 when he was a State Representative. I had several discussions with Dennis about the importance of infrastructure funding to the state and local governments. During these discussions Dennis became a friend that I could trust to talk with about work and family situations. What connected me to Dennis is that I felt like he cared about what I was going through not only at work, but always asked by name how my wife and kids were doing. He offered advice when I asked but mostly just listened. I could also tell that he wanted to be Mayor of Muncie simply because he truly cared about the community, not for selfish ambitions. Our relationship started about business, but became about a friend that I could trust. He has been an encouragement to me as my kids have grown into young adults, and has always been there to listen and offer help without judgment.

When Dennis ran for Mayor, I helped because I felt like he would be a leader that represented the people of Muncie equally and fairly, without regard to their status. That is the kind of person that I support, one who has empathy and cares for all citizens. When I supported Dennis, he never promised anything in return; only that our company would be given a fair chance to compete for work in Muncie based solely upon our qualifications. Once Dennis was in office, we were given that opportunity, submitted responses to request for proposals, and won a project to do our first work in Muncie. Through the process of that project it became apparent that our firm and staff were well-suited to be trusted to do more work in Muncie. Dennis opened the door for us to compete, but then stayed in the background as we worked with City staff to complete many successful projects.

I believe in the good in Dennis Tyler. I believe that he genuinely cares about people. I have come to this opinion based upon how he has treated me and how I have witnessed him treating others. In my dealings with Dennis he has always been straight with me and has never asked or even hinted that I do anything that would compromise my values. In fact, as an engineer I am obligated to conduct myself and our business in an ethical manner because we are doing work that affects the public's safety and welfare. I am honored to be in a profession where integrity is expected and rewarded. Dennis Tyler allowed our company to compete for work in Muncie and we were able to win work based on the merits of the quality of service that our engineers provided. A level playing field like this is all I can ask for as a business owner. Based on the fair and professional treatment that I and my company have received in the City of Muncie, I am more than willing to testify on the good character of Dennis Tyler.

Sincerely,



William E. Hall, PE  
CEO, United Consulting



Megan Quirk  
707 E Washington Street  
Muncie, IN 47305

June 30, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio Street, Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion of Dennis Tyler (Dennis). I appreciate your time and consideration. It is difficult to simply state my relationship with Dennis; hopefully, my letter adds some context.

I first met Dennis in 2011 while working on his and other candidates' political campaigns. He was running for Mayor of the City of Muncie (the City). Previously, I moved to and worked in Chicago, Illinois after graduating from Ball State University in 1996; moved in 2003 to work in Florida until 2005; then moved to Michigan for Law School in 2005, finishing my JD Degree in 2008; then moved to Muncie in October 2008 to begin practicing law, but did not fully participate in Muncie-life because I was completing my Masters' Degree in Intellectual Property in Michigan (commuting on the weekends), ending in August 2010 upon my graduation. I did not have any personal conversations with him until he was elected Mayor and the Law Firm I am a partner in became the Attorneys for the City of Muncie in 2012.

With this, I was a stranger to Dennis in 2012 when I began working as one of the Attorneys for the City. Often times, I was teased by him and others in his Administration of being this random member of my family, just popping up out of nowhere. My father Jack Quirk, my sister Ana Quirk, my brother-in-law Joseph Hunter, and my brother John Quirk were known to people as long-time Attorneys in Muncie, but, again, I was a stranger.

In 2012, along with various projects or programs that developed over the Tyler Administration, I was assigned by Jack Quirk, the Chief City Attorney, the tasks of assisting the Tyler Administration with the Human Resources Department, the Building Commissioner Department, the Community Development Department, the Unsafe Building Hearing Authority, and the Historic Preservation Commission. In 2015, I was also appointed the Attorney for the Muncie Redevelopment Commission (MRC) by the MRC Board.

The relationship I had with Dennis was one of Attorney-Client with it being now as a friend. This by no means should be construed that there was or continues to be no push back from either of us against the other. For example, when asked to give legal assistance in any matter, I would consult with Dennis, explain the different aspects of the matter, the law, and potential solutions. If he was not satisfied with my initial potential-solution he would tell me such, explain aspects that I did not consider, and delegate to me that I needed to come up with a better solution. If the



situation was one that he was not satisfied with my solution, but had to reconcile that my solution was the only possible way to decide, he would reluctantly agree with my solution with the direction for me to get to work to solve the situation. Many discussions, sometimes over a period of time, were had if the suggested solution was a difficult decision to be made.

The issues I worked with the Tyler Administration Department Heads were ones related to their positions at the City; to name a few in a larger context: employees who were struggling in their job performance/positions; severe blighted properties where families were without electricity or water versus landlord/property-owner responsibilities; under-supported groups of Community members or areas of the City historically under-supported shown to have blighted/unhabitable housing or food insecurity; unavailability of jobs; and other aspects of public-policy that directly or indirectly results in what is collectively referred to by sociologists as the "culture of poverty." Muncie is a city with an approximate 30% poverty level so, it was Dennis' viewpoint that the policies, procedures, programs, and projects need to benefit Muncie as a whole and be sustainable and consistent for the City to maintain.

As the realities of the status and condition the City administrative functions and Muncie as a whole stood were revealed and understood, there was much important work to be done not only for the current state, but also Muncie's future - three, five, 10, 15, 20 years down the road. Dennis took these realities as a call to action with the expectation that every single employee of the City, work for each and every Munsonian and the Community at large. At minimum, from the end of 2014 moving forward, I would make at least weekly reports to him, updating him on my findings or status of continuing to find out solutions for the ails of Muncie and the City Administration functioning. Many times, during our meetings, it was clear that Tyler was not receiving all of the information to be able to make decisions. It was my task after these meetings where the information had not been fully disclosed to dig deeper into the situation, find out more information to relay to him so that he could make a holistic decision, and make sure compliance with Federal, State, and Local laws were being met.

These problem-solving discussions included balancing between who would benefit, the economic and intrinsic costs to the City, and how the overall outcome would result. Dennis would analyze each decision from the perspective of what is best for Muncie citizens, especially those citizens who were voiceless.

Dennis' character is one of humility, graciousness, compassion, and integrity with the earnest intent on creating and sustaining a better life and existence for people, specifically people of Muncie.

In my opinion, one of Dennis' great attributes is his ability to harness and leverage the resources of Muncie, the City, and the Community Leaders resulting in several public-private partnerships. In 2011, I created the Ross Community Center, Inc. and served as its Board President until June 2016. This organization was formed to run programs and events for all ages and socio-economic levels at the Ross Center, a community center located in what was deemed by the State of Indiana in 2011 as a "super-impooverished" area. At that time, the area surrounding the Ross Center was desolate and severely depressed. Little did I know what I had gotten myself into. Yet, Dennis helped the Board meet and develop relationships with the local private charitable

Foundations in order to not only survive, but also to plan and fundraise for a complete redevelopment beginning in 2017 of the Ross Center property including an approximate \$4 Million Dollar youth sports complex. With Dennis' involvement as the City Leader, he was able to spur redevelopment of the neighboring area as well, using his relationships with the local Foundations, other non-profit housing organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Bridges, Inc. (homeless aid), and private developers to build mid-level priced townhomes throughout this area. Working with a coalition created during this time, Dennis was able to help this newly-created-and-little-known coalition obtain a multi-million-dollar grant for this area. Dennis leveraged the City's resources for financial help through tasking 1) the City's Community Development Department administered Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk rebuilding; 2) the City's Building Commissioner's Office and Unsafe Building Hearing Authority to enforce the City's Municipal building codes for the remediation of severely blighted houses in the area; and 3) the Street Department to fix potholes in the streets, all so that the residents of this area were able to use these assets, instill a sense of pride in the area and Muncie, and for other people to not be scared to go to the Ross Center.

A little-known example of Dennis' ability to help as the City's Leader was to donate funds to the Back To School Teachers' Store (BTSTS) (now known as Classroom Connections of East Central Indiana) to pay for the shipping of over \$330,000 Dollars' worth of school supplies (pencils, paper, rulers, glue sticks, crayons, markers, etc.) that were distributed to the Muncie Community Schools Corp.'s teachers for their use in the classroom, directly given to their students. This donation for shipping costs came at a time the State of Indiana was debating the future of Muncie Community Schools Corp., ultimately leading to a State-takeover of the School Corporation having Ball State University administer its functioning. No one, including Dennis, could predict the outcome of this State-takeover, however, at that time, Dennis' perspective was that the children and their teachers needed supplies to learn. That donation was approximately \$2,200 from the City, however, with Dennis' buy-in, other organizations soon followed suit in realizing the legitimacy of BTSTS and its ability to obtain much-needed school supplies. Like Dennis' other actions and decisions, he did this with little fanfare or personal benefit.

There are countless programs that the City, through Dennis, supported including, but not limited to, free hot meals programs for children during the School breaks run by Blood-N-Fire; youth programs run by the City's Park & Recreation Programs; events for seniors at the Forest Park Senior Citizen's Center; Ross Center, Buley Community Center, Boys & Girls Club, and Motivate Our Minds (MOMs) programs; public art programs and events created and administered by the Muncie Arts & Culture Council; development of the ARC of Indiana Hotel Training Center, the first in the United States to train those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the hospitality industry to obtain employment; and development of the White River Canal and the Lofts At the Roberts, each housing initiatives one for mid-priced apartment living, the other income-based for senior citizens. Through these collaborations, it was always Dennis' intent and insistence that everyone (meaning all of these different groups and their leaders) work together to make Muncie better. There are many, many lives and organizations directly positively impacted by Dennis' involvement and actions.

Another aspect of Dennis' character and his own perspective of leadership was that he was always open to talk and discuss with anyone about any type of issue or concern that a person or group had. Admittedly, there were times I would question him for being so open to everyone because of the level of upsettedness and criticism people or groups would lodge at him. Most of the times, these situations were very emotional. Sometimes, in my role, Dennis would call me for a meeting where he would tell me of the problem or issue some individual/group was having. He tasked me in coming back to him with solutions. Some of the times, there were solutions that City could put in place to remedy the situation. Other times, the solution was one outside the scope of what a municipality or the City could do. However, Dennis always actively listened to and heard these individuals or groups, trying to help the situation.

There was a time where a person in a mental-health crisis brought a rifle into City Hall. Upon interaction with other City Hall employees, the individual was feared to have wanted to use the rifle against Dennis; the individual was able to use the elevator to go to the Mayor's Office. But when confronted with this individual, Dennis was able to ascertain that she only wanted to turn-in her rifle to him, knowing that he would be able to help her find and get involved with the mental-health resources in Muncie. Another time, there was a neighborhood association group that was insistent that Dennis close one block along a City road that had high incidents of random gun shooting, but that road connected one historically Black neighborhood to another historically Black neighborhood and was a thoroughfare from the North side of Muncie to the South side of Muncie (considered to be a socio-economic issue). After several meetings with all of the concerned individuals and groups, some meetings being quite charged, Dennis made the difficult decision to not close this road (which would have essentially segregated one area of Muncie from another along racial and socio-economic lines), but to enact further involvement with these neighborhood associations to communicate with each other using the City as an intermediary.

Dennis understood his work would not completely solve every single person's problem or stop their complaints. It was his want and intent to try each day, persistently analyzing the issues from every possible perspective, and continuing to build and maintain relationships that, ultimately, would make Muncie a better place to live.

I am extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to help to make Dennis' awesome vision for Muncie be realized. It was an incredible time for me. I know there are others who appreciate the opportunities given to them by Dennis. I also know there are some that took advantage of these opportunities and Dennis' delegation-management style.

Given everything Dennis was able to accomplish during his time as Mayor with little to no praise, personal benefit, or even acknowledgement, consideration for his incredibly positive actions should be made. My hope in outlining some of the examples of his accomplishments helps. Thank you, again, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Megan B. Quirk





*Better Relationships. Better Lives.*

June 23, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46294

Dear Judge Sweeney:

I am writing on behalf of Dennis Tyler and his case before you as you consider sentencing.

I have known Dennis for over 15 years. First as a State Representative, as Mayor of Muncie and the grandfather of a young man with Autism. I wanted to share with you the person I know and witnessed his behavior with others as you consider the appropriate punishment.

I worked with him as an advocate for people with disabilities when he was in the legislature and as a partner with the city as we built a hotel and training institute for people with disabilities in Muncie – the first of its kind in the country.

Throughout my work with Dennis I have found him incredibly compassionate for others, selfless in his efforts to serve – as witnessed by his life as a firefighter and professional in all of our dealings. I held him in the highest regard as a public servant and leader.

Perhaps this is best demonstrated by a situation I witnessed when he was Mayor. I was in Muncie for a meeting with him and others at the city. As we were driving to the meeting, he said he needed to stop for a moment. We were at a bus stop and there were two young children sitting at a bus stop after 6 pm in the evening. He knew it was too late for them to be there. Even though he was already late for a meeting for the city he had to stop.

Dennis spoke gently with the kids – appeared to be 8 and 10 – and learned that the school bus had dropped them off at the wrong place and they were scared. Dennis immediately got on the phone after comforting them and arranged for them to get help and have someone from the city come get them and get them home. He stayed and waited with them until the car and driver got there. He even gave his card to both kids and said please call anytime – for them or their parents. He also followed up to make sure they got home safe.

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We got to the meeting an hour late – and he never told people what happened just apologized for being late -helping constituents.

I cannot speak at all to the actions that led to his plea, I can tell you that he is a good person who made a mistake. He has paid a great price already going through this process and doing something that would put him in jail would not serve the community or justice well. I would urge you to consider probation and community service.

Dennis remains person I would entrust my grandchildren with – I trust him that much. I hope this is helpful to you as you consider the options you have before you.



John Dickerson  
CEO/Founder

**JOHN A. FALLON, III**  
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June 19, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney:

I am writing to share a perspective on the nature of my relationship with Mr. Dennis Tyler, former Mayor of Muncie, IN.

I came to know Mr. Tyler in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Muncie, and in my capacity as Associate Vice President for Economic Development and Community Engagement at Ball State University (2012-2015), during his first mayoral term. My role involved serving as a liaison to the region and state in extending the resources of the institution. The primary focus of this work was on governmental jurisdictions, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and economic development units. In carrying out my related responsibilities, I came to know and develop relationships with leaders in these sectors. I was also appointed by Mr. Tyler to the Muncie Redevelopment Commission (MRC). Later, upon retiring from the university in 2015, I maintained my position on the MRC and was elected as its President. I also continued to work with Mr. Tyler and the City of Muncie in two successive one-year post-retirement roles as Executive Director of Sustainable Muncie Corporation and Managing Principal of the Live Near Your Work initiative.

My relationship with Mr. Tyler did not extend beyond his formal role as Mayor. We did not associate socially, nor did I engage in local Democrat politics. Indeed, I enjoyed my professional relationship with him and felt quite positive about the city's progress attributable to this.

At no time during my work with Mr. Tyler did I observe any behavior that was illegal or could be considered unethical. I valued my relationship with him and the work that we did together. I was never part of his inner circle of associates but always had access to him related to projects and initiatives that involved my roles and the city. I was always impressed with his dedication to his community and uniform and consistent willingness to work well beyond reasonable expectations toward its betterment.

I am hopeful that the foregoing proves useful in relation to your deliberations and decisions. Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Fallon, III, Ph.D.

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June 12, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Sweeney,

I am writing on behalf of former Mayor Dennis Tyler of Muncie, Indiana. I have known and interacted with Dennis for over 20 years. Not only as a friend but he also helped in naming the Muncie Public Library after my mother, Vivian Conley. He was on a committee that worked so hard for this honor and recognition.

During his time as Mayor, Dennis was instrumental in helping our non-profit organization (The Friends of Conley, Inc.) secure funding from the City to sponsor several programs to help the youth of Delaware County. Our main focus is providing tutoring and homework help to all school age children in the area and sponsoring a Spring and Fall soccer program, which Dennis wanted us to take over because the school system did not want to do it. With Tyler's support we were able to form partnerships with The Muncie Community Schools, Ball State University, City Parks and Recreation, and The Unity Center. During the summers we provided a Summer Youth Program where we employed over 20 youths each summer and partnered with other local businesses to teach kids in the areas of music, dance, athletics, arts and leadership skills. These programs reach about 500 kids every year. With the dedication and trust that Tyler displayed in helping us succeed, we are able to continue our partnerships with The City of Muncie, Muncie Community Schools, and Ball State University. We also saw a decline in youth delinquency during this time period. We have also continued the soccer program every year which the youth are always looking forward to and Dennis was so proud of.

Mayor Tyler at the time was always dedicated to helping the youth of the community and we are so grateful that he came to our organization to help him with his agenda. Dennis even attended and spoke at some of our events to show his support and interest in the citizens of this community.

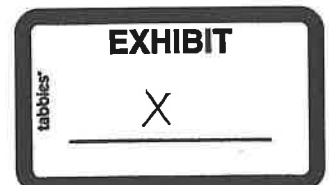
If it wasn't for Tyler's commitment to the community and the partnerships with various organizations, the summer and soccer programs would not be the success it is today. Sometimes changes in life can affect us all, whether good or bad and I appeal to the court to find forgiveness and understanding for Dennis Tyler, and rule in a just and favorable way.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to write this letter on his behalf. If you need further information please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely



Myrna Robertson  
President & CEO  
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The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

June 16, 2021

Dear Judge Sweeney,

I have known Dennis Tyler for seven years. We met soon after my move back to Muncie from the Chicago area, where I had lived and worked for the previous 19 years. While he was Mayor of Muncie during most of those years, we developed a friendship that went well beyond politics.

As a person, I know Dennis to be of good character and great faith. Dennis had (has) a profound love for the City of Muncie and her people. He served the people of Muncie proudly and bravely, for decades, as a firefighter with the Muncie Fire Department.

Upon my return, I learned Dennis was a Grandparent to a child with disabilities. I saw with my own eyes some of the dreams he had for Muncie come true. As a parent of a child with learning disabilities myself, I was excited to see Dennis' dream of the Courtyard Marriot Hotel & Erskine Green Training Center for persons with challenges in life, come to fruition. While many were involved in that success, the fact remains, that hotel and training center wouldn't be here today without Dennis' tireless efforts.

Dennis Tyler has made his adult life about caring for the people he's served. I may have called him my Mayor for a few years but I am most proud to call him my friend, forever.

Respectfully,



Charles (Charlize) Jamieson  
Citizen of Muncie, Indiana



## Dennis Tyler Character Reference

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June 10, 2021

Sarah L.C. Beach  
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Re: Character Reference for Dennis Tyler

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney:

I would like to start this letter by thanking you for allowing me the opportunity to speak on behalf of Dennis Tyler's character before his sentencing hearing. While the circumstances are truly unfortunate, I am grateful to be given the chance to share my experiences of working for the former Mayor Tyler for 8 years.

I met Dennis Tyler in late 2011 while working on another political candidate's election campaign. My interactions with Mr. Tyler during that period were nothing more than introductions and social pleasantries as our paths crossed while campaigning. In November of 2011, Dennis was elected as Mayor of the city of Muncie. He began the process of building his administration as the year came to a close, and I applied for a position within his administration. My first real interaction with him came during my interview. He talked about his vision for his administration and for Muncie. A few weeks later, I was offered the position of Personnel Director for the city of Muncie, and gladly accepted it. What Dennis Tyler did not know is that this opportunity provided me with the means to escape a rapidly deteriorating marriage and a chance for myself and my two daughters to start fresh. He took a chance on a person that he knew nothing about to carry out his vision and to help him work toward a better Muncie. The chance he took on me literally changed the trajectory of my life and that of my children. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that he gave me.

We took office on January 1, 2012 and immediately began the work of trying to transform Muncie into a more 'livable' city. In the eight years that I worked for the then Mayor Tyler, I realized that changing trajectory was not just something that had accidentally happened for me. I noticed on multiple occasions how he would work to provide others these same opportunities. Whether it was through providing employment opportunities for individuals who were desperate to be given a second chance in life and to help them build a work history, or by helping a woman who



was struggling with severe mental health issues to find medical treatment to help stabilize her, or by helping someone who was in a horrible housing situation, Dennis Tyler helped these people. There was nothing that any of these individuals could do to for him personally. Nothing. They had nothing. But, he treated each and every one of these people with the most kindness and compassion that a human being could extend to another human being. He made them all feel like they were worthy of help, that they mattered, and that someone cared about their future.

I watched Dennis for 8 years personally great visitors to City Hall as they walked off the elevator. If they didn't know him before entering City Hall, they knew him when they left City Hall. He took the time to listen to their problems and find solutions for their problems. He was known for returning phone calls to citizens late into the evening just so they would know that he was still working on their problems. He opened City Hall up for one evening a month for anyone....anyone....to come into the building and meet with him one on one to talk about anything they wanted to talk to him about. He was kind to people. And, I believe that his kindness was in part due to his deep love for the city that he grew up in and the people who inhabit it.

He worked diligently to create partnerships between our major employers and non-for-profit organizations to move his vision forward. His vision brought a major hotel to our downtown. This was something that many mayors before him had tried and failed to do. But, because Dennis understood how to create these relationships, he was able to do something that many had stated was impossible. That hotel became the foundation of rebuilding our downtown. Our downtown is now a thriving entity of its own because of the work that Dennis put into it. He tackled blight in our city. Again, this is something that many mayors before had tried to do with very limited success, but Dennis was able to put a substantial dent in a very large problem that Muncie faces. He built bike lanes and invested in our parks and recreation areas which created a much greater quality of life for Muncie's residents. He developed a partnership with IU Health and the city of Muncie which resulted in the creation of a health clinic for city employees to use at no cost to themselves, which in turn created savings of the city on our health insurance costs. It was a bold idea, but it worked fantastically.

While I could cite many different initiatives and examples of his kind, caring and generous nature, I hope that you can understand why I absolutely loved working in his administration and am very proud to have been a part of it. My life trajectory was changed by this experience for the better. I would also say that I have witnessed Dennis changed the life trajectory of many other people with his acts of selflessness. In addition, it is my belief that the trajectory of Muncie was altered in a very positive way by the election Dennis Tyler for Mayor. His influence brought much positive change to our great city and has been the building blocks for subsequent mayors to build upon.

I would also like to add one other personal observation as it relates to the charge that Dennis has pled guilty. For 8 years I watched not only his interactions with the public and our various partners within the city, I also watched his interactions with those who were part of our

administration and city government. Whereas, I had no real connection to Dennis prior to accepting the position, there were others who had extensive history with him. It is my opinion that many of these individuals took advantage of their unique perspective into Dennis' personality and took advantage of their relationship with him and their knowledge of how he works. I believe that they knew that Dennis' sole focus would be creating these partnerships, investing in the downtown, building a better foundation for the community. These individuals knew that he would not be focused on the minutia of day to day operations. He trusted those that he put in these positions to do things right. His trust was misplaced. These individuals knew that he trusted them, and made sure that information that was contrary to what they were saying to him was not heard by him.

As you deliberate on what sentence to impose on Dennis Tyler, I ask that you consider the 40+ years that he served the public as a fireman, the years of service at the state house, and the 8 years of service to our community as Mayor. All total, he has combined service of over 50 years of his life dedicated to doing good work for our community. Dennis is not a perfect human being. And while many of us strive for that perfection, we all will fall short at some point(s) in our lives. I would ask that as you weigh out what the balance of justice should be for his apparent lapse in judgment, that you also counter balance the weight of 50+ years of pulling people out of burning buildings, pulling people out of desperate situations in their lives, giving to those less fortunate, and pulling a dying city up by its bootstraps and allowing its citizens to see it once again for the possibilities that it could be. It is my opinion that he deserves the most leniency that you can give in sentencing.

I thank you again for giving me this opportunity to speak on Dennis Tyler's behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah L.C. Beach".

Sarah L.C. Beach



June 15, 2021

Mike Whited  
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Muncie, Indiana 47302

Honorable James Sweeney,

I am writing the letter to you today on the behalf of my friend Dennis Tyler. I have known Dennis Tyler for over 25 years on many different levels.

As a firefighter Dennis was my Captain for a time on Muncie Fire Department. During that time I have on more than one occasion entrusted my life in Dennis's hand, when you are inside a house fire you have to have faith in your officer on scene to watch out for your safety and to make split second decisions that will keep you safe as well as your fellow firefighters. Dennis Tyler did this everyday on the job.

As President of Muncie Firefighters Local 1348 I have worked with Dennis Tyler to ensure the health and safety of all Muncie Firefighters in Muncie. Also, to have good working conditions and decent pay to raise their families. I feel Dennis truly cared about our firefighters.

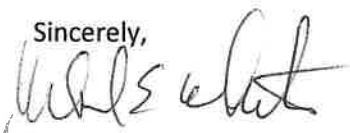
As Vice President of Indiana Firefighters part of my duties is to lobby the Indiana General Assembly for all Indiana career firefighters. I have worked with Dennis Tyler during his time at the Statehouse in passing legislation that will benefit all Firefighters and their families in Indiana. Dennis has helped pass legislation to increase line of duty death benefits for police and fire to protecting job rights of laid off police and firefighters just to name a couple of many pro public safety legislation.

Most importantly, I have known Dennis Tyler as a friend. Working with Dennis regardless of what hat he is wearing he is consistent and passionate about helping people. I have watched him work tirelessly throughout the years often putting others before himself to help out where he can.

Inclosing, I am asking you to consider all of the good Dennis Tyler has done for public safety, firefighters, the people of Muncie and the people of Indiana for most of his life when you are making a decision about what happens to him.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter and if you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,



Mike Whited

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June 8, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 East Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Dennis Tyler

Dear Judge:

This letter is in reference to the above-named individual. I believe I first met Dennis in the summer of 1998 when I moved back to Muncie, Indiana after graduating from Law school. I could have met him before that as his family and my family have known each other for several years prior to 1998. When I moved back, I purchased a home about a block away from Dennis's home. I have had the pleasure of working with Dennis on a wide range of causes. I would consider Dennis to be a good neighbor and a friend. As you may know Dennis is a Retired Muncie Firefighter and in light of that chosen profession is a man that is always willing to help others. He has often gone out of his way to help those less fortunate than himself. I have never known Dennis to turn people away when they have come to him for help, whether it's helping them find employment or a place to live. As Mayor, Dennis began a program where City Hall and other City owned buildings were kept open as a warming-stations available to anyone needing to stay warm during the very cold Indiana winters. I also know of several times Dennis has helped people with their utility bills to avoid their service being shutoff. I have known Dennis to be honest, compassionate and caring for others before himself. Through all his years

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of service to this community I can say the community has greatly benefited from his presence. Thank you for the opportunity to write in his behalf.

Sincerely,



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John Quirk  
Attorney at Law  
117 East Main St.  
Muncie, IN 47305

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June 5, 2021

The Honorable Judge Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Judge, I hope you allow me to write to you with a brief reference to the case involving Dennis Tyler, who has pled guilty to theft.

Dennis and I have been friends for over 35 years and I had the opportunity to work with him through my job during his tenure as Mayor from 2012 through 2019. I would like to share what I know about the moral condition of Dennis Tyler, and I hope your good faith will consider this brief letter when you must make your decision.

I worked very closely with him, almost daily, during his tenure as Mayor. My organization was responsible for assisting him with multiple projects. He was always careful to make sure we were following all laws and proper procedures for the projects we worked on together. I did research on statutes for him on occasion for this reason and if I wrote something for a project that was in the legal realm, he always ran it by his attorneys.

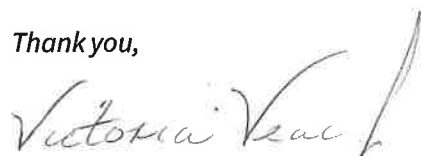
I am completely aware of the character of my friend who has always been a person with high morals and ethics. Each of his activities that I observed were driven by those principles. He has devoted his public life for the well being of others, often going above and beyond, which I have witnessed from him on multiple occasions. He is still in fact well regarded by those who truly know him.

The news of criminal proceedings against Dennis came as a shock to many, as it is something none of us would ever have expected and the alleged behavior totally out of character for him. I am fully aware of the proceedings being conducted against Dennis, but I can honestly say that there is no single such incident or basis which I can justify, based on my working and personal relationship, of the proceedings against him.

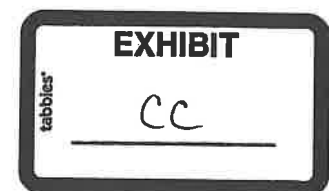
You do not the know this person who will be in front of you, but I will continue to have faith that you can look at this letter, hopefully you will receive others, and feel the support that the family and friends of Dennis are trying to provide you.

I am thankful to you for taking the time to read this letter. It is my hope you will show as much leniency as possible when making your decision and that Dennis and his family can move beyond this for what remains of his life.

Thank you,



Victoria Veach  
Executive Director  
Muncie Downtown Development



The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

June 10, 2021

To the Honorable James Sweeney,

I have known Dennis Tyler for at least eight years, if not longer. Dennis is a prominent Muncie community leader, which began long before his terms as Mayor. Dennis was my mother's boss during his time as Muncie Mayor, but prior to that, he became close acquaintances with my entire family. Dennis has been to many family events, supported our family business, and given us opportunities to become impactful in our community. Dennis is one of the most loyal, caring, giving individuals that I know. Throughout his terms as Mayor, I saw him give from not only his allotted political funds, but from his personal accounts to those in need. Whether it was supporting the youth or minority groups in the city or completing his government duties, he made sure to be present either physically or through representation. He was not just a government figurehead in the community – he made sure to give his time and energy. For example, when the Black community had been previously overlooked and forgotten by past administrations, he made sure we were not only heard, but an active part of the conversation within our city. I believe that the slander and treatment that Dennis has endured in the past year was uncalled for and incorrect. Unlike other "leaders", he made sure he was educated on all topics that he was responsible for overseeing, made sure to be fair, and made sure to get 1000% in every way. He is a loving husband, father, and grandfather and has tried to create a community in which all our families can love and thrive. He is a hard-working man, dedicated citizen, and exceptional role model for this community. Please take this letter into consideration for Dennis Tyler, as I wish nothing but the best for his and his family's future. Thank you for your time.

*Dominyse Carey DNP, APRN, FNP-C*

Dr. Dominyse Carey DNP, APRN, FNP-C

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Muncie IN 47303



Yolanda Carey  
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June 7, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Sweeney:

I first met Dennis Tyler in 2003 during his initial run for Muncie mayor. From that interaction, I found Dennis to be not only affable but also extremely attentive and knowledgeable. When speaking with Dennis, he listens intently and makes you feel as if you and what you are saying is most important. I became more acquainted with Dennis in 2012 after becoming a city employee. I started out working in the city controller's office and oftentimes would cover the mayor's office for Dennis's then-executive assistant's lunch break. Several months later, I was permanently placed in the mayor's office assisting his executive assistant. By 2014, I had the pleasure of working as Dennis Tyler's executive assistant but was formally appointed to the position in 2015.

Working as Dennis Tyler's executive assistant, I had the opportunity to know Dennis Tyler personally, not only as a politician or the mayor but also as a man, a human being. Many people knew only Dennis Tyler as the person to go to in their times of need and not the man as a whole. The man who is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, a fiercely loyal friend, and a wholeheartedly generous public servant. The Dennis Tyler that I came to know is one of complete compassion, dedication, understanding, kindness, and humility. Dennis Tyler did not view himself as someone superior to others. He was just the guy next door, the avid cyclist. Dennis Tyler believed that every person should have the opportunity to come to him and share their concerns or their joys. Dennis always made time for everyone no matter their status or position in life. Dennis Tyler is extremely giving, and if something were within his power to give, you could always guarantee that he would without hesitation. While working in the mayor's office, I watched countless times as people came in off the street, with no appointment but fierce desperation seeking assistance. Dennis not only wanted to help everyone, but he tried to help everyone and not just people that he knew personally. Dennis did not publicize most of the good deeds that he has done. Dennis did not boast about the good deeds that he did, nor did he cast judgment on those he assisted. Dennis has a genuine love for the city of Muncie and its citizens even though some did not love him back. Dennis never turned people away even when he knew they privately or publicly worked against him and/or spoke poorly of him, and many times people took advantage of his kindness and the love that he has for people.

Dennis Tyler is not a perfect man, but this is no surprise because there are no perfect people in this world. I think Dennis is a great man, and I base my opinion on the countless hours that I worked with him. I base this on the numerous good deeds that I have personally witnessed as well as assisted him with. Working for Dennis Tyler was not easy, but not because he was a horrible boss or horrible person. Dennis Tyler was the best boss that I have ever had the pleasure of serving and one of the best men that I have had the pleasure of knowing. Working for Dennis Tyler included long days, weekends, late nights, and being on-call twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. It was not out of the norm to receive a late-night or early morning text from Dennis with plans for the next workday. Dennis did not like to disappoint people and many times when I felt overwhelmed or overworked, the thought of disappointing Dennis motivated me to stay the course. I have many times asked myself if this young man in his 70s can do it, then who am I in my 40s to complain? Dennis and I did not always agree on things and many conversations between he and I included me telling him that he could not please everyone no matter how hard he tried. but we had a strong mutual respect that allowed us to agree to disagree with no hard feelings. Dennis worked tirelessly for the people most often forgotten or deemed by others as insignificant. To Dennis Tyler, every person was significant, and every life had meaning no matter how old or young, wealthy or destitute.

I could write a book about Dennis Tyler filled with stories of his generosity and kindness. He has the best sense of humor, a great personality, and is a sympathetic listener. I have great admiration and an infinite love for Dennis and the genuine soul that is he.

Sincerely,

Yolanda L. Carey



The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, In 46204

June 8, 2021

Dear You Honor,

I write to you in hopes that you will hear my plea to be kind to Dennis Tyler as you consider his sentencing. He is a good man and his imprisonment will not benefit anyone. He is also an old man who has given his whole life to the service of people around him. Taking him away from his friends and family will only punish good people.

I have known Dennis for about 12 years. I work for Muncie Downtown Development Partnership and had the opportunity to spend many hours with Mayor Tyler during his administration. We worked closely on many projects for Downtown Muncie including the Walnut St reconstruction, endless parades and NFL 100 Original Cities celebration.

I found Dennis to be a kind, honest, forgiving and generous of spirit in every one of my dealings with him. Being in the public eye and having to be "ON" all of the time is a harder task than many know, but Dennis did it well. He never let the power of "Mayor" alter his behavior, he was always just himself. His love for community showed not only while he was Mayor, but as a citizen who cares deeply for the people of Muncie, his family and friends. His concern for the common man was apparent as he truly listened to all concerns and tried to help. I have a high opinion of Dennis Tyler because of what I saw with my own eyes. He is a good man.

I know that Dennis pled guilty to theft. There is nothing in my experiences with him that will allow me to believe that is true. Certainly, whatever happened isn't as black and white as thievery. I do believe that he is scared and plea seemed his best alternative. I do not believe that any justice truly can be served in this case, but I beg of you that you be lenient as you bring your judgement.

Thank you for your service and taking time to read this letter. I hope it helps you make the right decision for Dennis.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Crowder



June 9, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Dennis Tyler

The Honorable Judge Sweeney,

I have known Dennis Tyler for approximately twenty years. I first met Dennis socially through the Muncie Fire Department and in 2018 I worked for the Muncie Building Commissioner's office while Dennis was the Mayor of Muncie.

In the years I have known Dennis he has showed how much he cares for our community by working as a public servant for the Muncie fire Department for many years and he has shown how much he cares by me witnessing him and his wife providing an Easter egg hunt at a park in a low income area for a few years. My idea of Dennis showing how much he cares is while working on the third floor of City Hall, he always had an open door policy for anyone to come through and often would sit on the couches working in the hallway and on several occasions I saw him communicate with public citizens that came in to discuss their needs or complaints and although I did not hear the conversations I had heard him tell them in so many words to have a seat and let's talk about this. A few times while his secretary was out, I would sit in that office to answer the phone and if Dennis was in the office I never heard or witnessed him turn away a citizen that wanted to have a conversation. I applaud the efforts Dennis put into the Erskine Training Institute that is located at the Marriott Hotel due to this is training for people with disabilities to be able to become employed. Also he advocated for bike lanes around Muncie which I feel he was looking out for our safety. My personal opinion of Dennis is that he loves our city, our county and our country. He is caring and has always tried to help the less fortunate. Dennis is a loving family man spending much time with his wife, kids and grandchildren.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter while looking into your options.

Professionally,



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Gloria McKinley  
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June 8, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 207  
Indianapolis, In 46204

Reference: Dennis Tyler

Dear Judge Sweeney,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dennis Tyler, I have known Dennis for approximately 14 years. I met him when I started the job as receptionist at Quirk & Hunter Law office in Muncie, Indiana. I had contacts with Dennis, on the phone and at the office, I also saw him at functions throughout Muncie. I never saw anything underhanded or illegal from him. I know that Dennis did a lot of wonderful things for the kids of Muncie, especially children in low income areas, such as Easter egg hunts and bike give ways. There are really too many good things this man has done for Muncie to mention. He truly loved the city of Muncie and its people. I am not a citizen of Muncie, but while I worked there he sure made me feel welcome. I consider him a good decent man.

Sincerely,

  
Gloria McKinley



June 8, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Honorable Judge Sweeney,

I am writing to support Mr. Dennis Tyler, a man I have known as a friend and business associate for more than 40 years. My association with Dennis Tyler began on a social basis as we enjoyed several opportunities of golfing experiences. I was involved as an administrator for the bowling community in East Central Indiana and helped coordinate numerous fundraising golf outings. Dennis Tyler, as a veteran firefighter serving in a leadership position, was supportive in many of these events. Our friendship grew through the years and we, along with our families, enjoyed many events such as picnics, fishing, bike rides, community events and more.

A brief background about me as a professional. I worked at a small engineering company in Muncie for 28 years before the opportunity of early retirement presented itself. Following a few months of leisure, I was hired as the Executive Director of the Muncie Visitors Bureau. I served in this position for 20 years before my recent retirement in April of this year.

During my time as a public servant, I had multiple encounters to enlist the help and support of Dennis Tyler. The effort he gave in promoting the tourism industry in our community was exemplary. First as a leader of the local fire department, followed by his term in the state house as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives and, finally, as the Mayor of Muncie. The culmination of his efforts came with him working with the Arc of Indiana in the development of the Erskine Green Training Center for individuals with disabilities. The extraordinary effort also included the building of the Courtyard Marriott Muncie in downtown Muncie, adjacent to the beautiful Horizon Convention Center. Since this facility opened in December 2015, the downtown of Muncie has seen a solid growth boasting an economic revitalization.

Dennis Tyler's character has never come into question when I have been in his presence. I find it difficult to understand the charges that have been levied against him after knowing the man for 40+ years. Dennis Tyler has been an outstanding public servant and many, many people that live in our community would agree he has been one of Muncie's true heroes.

Respectfully,



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June 15, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Honorable James Sweeney:

I have known Dennis Tyler for over thirty years now, and he has always been a close friend to my family, especially to our uncle, the late Hurley C. Goodall.

Dennis served on the Muncie Fire Department with Hurley from 1965 until his retirement. My personal relationship with Dennis began in 2011 when I ran for city council, and Dennis ran for mayor of the city of Muncie. We both served and worked together for eight years for the people of Muncie and Delaware County.

Dennis' character through my vision had been all about helping others in the community. During my tenure as a Muncie City Councilman, I had pressed Dennis on many occasions to help me with the undeserved people in my district. I can truly say that Dennis is a man of his word and I have seen him in action; rolling up his sleeves and working alongside me helping Muncie to be a better place to live.

I'm pleading to The Honorable James Sweeney to please be lenient on the behalf of Dennis Tyler.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julius J. Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Julius J. Anderson



June 8, 2021

Kathy Carey  
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The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Sweeney:

My name is Kathy Carey, and I am a citizen of Muncie, Indiana. I lived in Muncie most of my life minus the nine years that I resided in Indianapolis. I returned to Muncie in 2005 because my parents believed that the city lacked young individuals like myself to aid in rebuilding our communities. Two years before my return, my sister and I were invited to attend a campaign fundraiser with my dad. The fundraiser was for Dennis Tyler to support his run for mayor. My sister and I were determined to attend because we had many questions to ask Mr. Tyler. This was the first time that I met Dennis Tyler. After asking Mr. Tyler what seemed to be a million questions, and the fact that he answered every question thoroughly, a friendship had blossomed.

I have known Dennis Tyler for 18 years. Our relationship was sometimes business, but primarily a close-knit friendship. The business aspect began after my election to the Muncie Community School Board in 2016. With all the challenges plaguing our school district, our school board and city officials had to work together to prevent further degradation. Dennis demonstrated resolute support for Muncie Community Schools, particularly the children, teachers, and staff that were responsible for its existence. Dennis had an unwavering devotion to uplift and support the underdog and those groups and individuals so often overlooked. Dennis did his best to cater to the needs of the teachers, staff, and students and as a result, developed numerous friendships.

The friendship aspect of my relationship with Dennis Tyler was cultivated due to the genuine love that Dennis has for the city of Muncie and its citizens. I often visited his office while he was Mayor and not because of the friendship that he and I had, but because Dennis had an open-door policy that extended to all citizens. It was not unusual for Dennis to meet someone in the community and invite them to his office for coffee and conversation. Everyone was welcome to his office at any time. The mayor's office was furnished with sofas and chairs inside and outside for the comfort of visitors that came to city hall. Most of the time, Dennis sat outside his office greeting citizens as they exited the third-floor city hall elevators. For many individuals, having the unexpected opportunity of not only being personally greeted by the mayor but also being afforded the time to share their concerns with him directly, was both anomalous and welcoming. Many citizens had become accustomed to dealing with inaccessible public officials, but Dennis Tyler wanted the people to know that he worked for them and many of his unconventional ways as mayor demonstrated just that.

I LOVE Dennis Tyler!! That is my personal feeling regarding Dennis. I have witnessed and experienced his generosity firsthand, and his generosity is pure! Whether it was buying sports uniforms for a youth softball team or providing monetary assistance to an individual whose utility services were on the verge of disconnect, Dennis would do what was necessary to assist the citizens of Muncie. That is a trait that I pray Dennis Tyler never allows to sour within himself.

Sincerely,

Kathy J. Carey



Joel C. Miller  
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June 16, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 East Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Judge Sweeney:

I have known Dennis Tyler since the late 1990s. In my early career, I worked on several political campaigns in east central Indiana. At the time I met him, I believe Mr. Tyler was the Chairman of the Delaware County Democratic Party. In those days, I was not fortunate enough to work with candidates who were favored by the leadership of the Party. However, I learned quickly that Mr. Tyler was a fair and honest man. He always treated me and the candidates for whom I worked with honesty and fairness.

I have woven through Muncie and Delaware County over the years both professionally and personally. I always knew that I could count on Dennis to shoot straight with me. I also know that when he began running for office he did so because he loved Muncie and he worked very hard to do good things for the City. Look no further than the hotel project at the Courtyard Muncie at Horizon Convention Center and the Erskine Green Training facility. This project was only possible because of Mr. Tyler's belief and force of will. So many doubted that the project would even start, let alone be completed and become the amazing success it is today. Mayor Tyler knew it was a good thing for Muncie and the right thing to do. Few elected officials would have taken on such a project because of potential complexities and community push-back. Mayor Tyler worked tirelessly to get the project completed. When he speaks to me about this project I can see the pride in his face and hear it in his voice.

Often, even when I had no campaign or business in the Muncie, I would reach out to Mr. Tyler when I was in town to meet for lunch or coffee. During those conversations what sticks with me most is that he would always talk about the good things happening in Muncie and the progress the City was making. He would always, without fail, point out positive programs, jobs announcements, etc and speak with great pride about what was happening in Muncie.

Even when I was on the other side of political campaigns from Mr. Tyler, I have never questioned the validity of anything he has told me. I value his friendship, advice and input because I know him to be a passionate and honest man. I know him to be a kind man who never met a stranger. I know him to be a loving father, husband and grandfather.

Respectfully,



Joel C. Miller



The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

6/15/2021

I have known Dennis Tyler as a friend for over 30 years. I first met Dennis when he worked with my father on the Muncie Fire Dept for over 25 years. I was disappointed to hear of Dennis' case, as I have always known him to be a great friend and a great supporter of his local community and a wonderful family man. It is for this reason that I am happy to write this letter of reference for Dennis. I understand the seriousness of this matter, however I hope the court will show some leniency.

Dennis has always been a great supporter of the City of Muncie. I don't think you'll find someone who loves his city more. Dennis has been a great friend to me and became more like a second father when my dad became ill with Alzheimer's in 2005 and passed away in 2017. During that time Dennis was there for me to answer questions I had about anything including employment and life questions. Dennis was not only there for me but for my family as well.

In addition to our friendship, I have known Dennis as a dedicated family man to his wife, kids and especially his grand kids. A great supporter of his community, his passion for helping all families during his tenure as mayor was outstanding. Family is number one for him. As Dennis prepares to take responsibility for his actions, I believe moving forward he will be an even better person than what I see in him now.

It is my sincere hope that the court takes this letter into consideration at the time of sentencing. Despite this current case, I believe Dennis to be an honorable individual, a valuable member of the community and a great friend to all who know or have known him.

Sincerely,



Joe Huff



June 16, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio St.  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Dennis Tyler

Honorable Judge Sweeney.

I first met Dennis in 1985 when I joined the Muncie Fire Department. I was stationed downtown, Station #1 and he was at Heekin Park, Station #2. He was a very well respected firefighter and Sergeant of #2 Ladder truck eventually I had the chance to transfer out to station #2 and did. We worked on different trucks but at the same station. We both worked there for about 15 years together with him being promoted to Captain and myself to Lieutenant seeing him work with a lot of different situations in the public on emergency calls and knowing he truly cared about the people he was helping. When he decided to run for a house seat it was an easy choice to jump in and help him get elected. Getting to meet and to know his family made it evident that they too picked up his caring for the people traits.

Thank you for your time,



Bret L. Granger  
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June 21, 2021



To whom it may concern,

I met Dennis Tyler about 10 years ago when I was a teacher at a local high school. Our paths crossed when he invited one of my students with special needs to be his deputy mayor for a day. From our first interaction it was clear to me that Mr. Tyler's kindness and compassion were genuine and unending. Over the years the mayor has supported individuals with disabilities throughout our community in numerous ways. When I started a prom from scratch designed for students with special needs not only did Mr. Tyler lend support he attended the event. More recently Mr. Tyler helped to bring The Erskine Green Training Institute to downtown Muncie. I had the privilege of being a part of and contributing to the instructional curriculum.

Mr. Tyler's genuine support for all the people of our city was and is the reason I'm now proud to call him friend. I believe him to be kind, honest, and caring. I'd trust him with my children and my life.

I hope you'll consider the great man he is and all the wonderful things he's done for our city and its people.

Thank you for your time,  
 Brittany Bales

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June 19, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Judge Sweeney:

My name is Brenda Corya, I am a Home Health Aide. I am writing this letter in regards to Mr. Dennis Tyler, our ex-Mayor of Muncie Indiana. I've known Mr. Tyler for several years. I met him during a cold winter's walk for the homeless, it was the Muncie Mission's Walk A Mile in my Shoes event. I was impressed because he didn't just show up to speak at the event, he always walked the entire walk. He was friendly with everyone that he met along the way. He was always very accessible to the public.

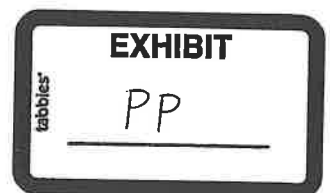
Mr. Tyler is a down to earth person who is very giving. He has a kind heart and enjoys helping those in need. He always had an egg hunt for the children for Easter, he divided it into age groups and had a group for people with special needs. He gave away bicycles to the ones who found the golden eggs.

I'm hoping this letter helps when it comes to Mr. Tyler's sentencing. I believe he is a good person and did not mean to do wrong. Please consider these things when you are deciding on sentencing this kind-hearted man who is a valuable member of our society. Please allow him to continue to be a member of our community. Thank you, very much.

Sincerely,



Brenda Corya



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June 18, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Judge Sweeney:

My name is Bernice Beaty, I am the mother of a daughter who has special needs and I work as a Support Specialist at a day program for adults with special needs. My daughter was born with Down's Syndrome. She loves Mr. Tyler. While in office, he invited my daughter to be Honorary Mayor for a day. This was probably the most exciting day of her life.

Mr. Dennis Tyler is a very compassionate person. I've met many people who have disabilities that Mr. Tyler has made an impact in their lives. Each of them hold a special place in their hearts for him. He is a very valued member of our community.

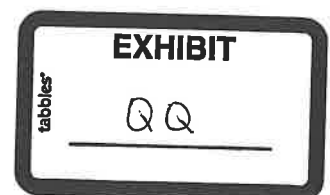
Thanks to Mr. Tyler we have a beautiful downtown Muncie that used to be deserted. We now have a first of its kind Courtyard Hotel training center for people with disabilities Our downtown is now full of life, with nice streets that are beautifully decorated and always lined with cars.

Thank you for your time, your honor, I am hoping for leniency in Mr. Tyler's sentencing and praying he will get to live out the rest of his life at home with his family.

Respectfully,

*Bernice Beaty*

Bernice Beaty



June 18, 2021

Dear Honorable Judge James Sweeney,

I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of Dennis Tyler. I have known Dennis for approximately twenty years. I first came to know Dennis when he was a Captain on the Muncie Fire Department when my husband began his firefighting career. I got to know Dennis better when I had his grandson in my first grade classroom at East Washington Academy.

Dennis was always very supportive of me as a teacher. He would often ask if he could do anything to help me in the classroom in the way of donating classroom supplies to offering speakers to come in and talk to children about anything to do with community services. He was always involved with his grandchildren at East Washington Academy and would often attend any type of Family Night regarding school. In one particular instance when our school was having heating/cooling issues and had to be closed due to lack of sufficient heat, Dennis contacted Resolve Tech to arrange for costly repairs that we were told by the Superintendent would be too expensive to fix. Mayor Tyler was instrumental in arranging for the repairs to be done and helping to secure the funds to fix it. East Washington Academy was able to stay open as an elementary because of Dennis Tyler's efforts and continues to thrive. He stepped up to ensure that our students, families and teachers were taken care of when our very own Superintendent would not.

On another occasion, I contacted Dennis and asked him to meet with concerned teachers at City Hall to discuss the dire financial distress of the Muncie Community School Corporation. At that time, discussions were in process for Ball State University to take over our school corporation. Dennis met with us to discuss our concerns and to take them to President Mearns to be heard. Dennis made us feel supported and valued at a time when we didn't feel that not even from the school administration. Dennis has always been extremely supportive and grateful of teachers.

Dennis Tyler has been a generous and very loyal servant to the Muncie Community for over fifty years. His public service dedication is evident with the start of his firefighting career the very same day my father in law did in March of 1965 with MFD, to becoming an Indiana Representative and then serving as the Mayor of Muncie. It is obvious that Dennis Tyler loves the Muncie Community and has given so much.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Hill



The Honorable Judge Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

I am a retired Firefighter and longtime volunteer in our community. Simply put, I wanted to say to you that I do not believe Dennis Tyler deserves to go to prison. This whole investigation has seemed very strange and most definitely would be out of character for the Dennis Tyler I have known Dennis for over 65 years.

I went to school with Dennis and worked with him on the Muncie Fire Department. Many times, we were in life and death situations. I was never afraid when Dennis was there as I knew he had my back. He put his life on the line many times in his 42 years on the fire department to save someone else.

Working with Dennis, I found him to be as far from self-serving as a person can get. I would venture to say he loves this community and its people more than anyone I know. His accomplishments as Mayor of Muncie were visionary and we will reap the benefits for years to come. In fact, we lost the momentum we had in moving Muncie forward and will never recover the time it is now taking to regroup.

I ask that you consider all the service Dennis gave not only to his city but to the state as well and take into account all the organizations and people he has helped in making your decision as to his fate.

Sincerely,



Richard Huff



The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The Honorable James Sweeney,

I am a member of the Muncie Business Community and advocate for families living with autism. I have known Dennis Tyler since 2004. During this time Dennis has demonstrated himself to be a selfless advocate for families living with autism in the Muncie Community. I am reaching out to advocate for the person that stepped in and stepped up to advocate for those who did not have a voice.

As a Representative of Delaware County, Dennis served on the Autism Committee. Dennis was invested and gained as much knowledge as he could to make a positive impact for families he served. Dennis has always been kind and compassionate to lend guidance and assistance for families living with autism in his role as Representative.

At the Inaugural Autism Walk for our local support group, Interlock, Dennis received the "Essential Piece" Award. For his efforts and his selfless advocacy for families and individuals living with autism in the Muncie Community.

At events Interlock hosted Dennis and his family would participate, socialize, and be a support. This is where I first witnessed Dennis as a family man and a grandparent. Dennis plays a very involved role with his family.

I ask you to consider the strength of character Dennis demonstrated for those who could not advocate for themselves. I ask that you consider the impact to his family. I ask that his selfless dedication to those unable to advocate for themselves be considered.



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The Honorable Judge James Sweeny  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

I have known Dennis Tyler almost my whole life as he was a firefighter along with my grandfather. I have been at the fire station in his presence and he was always kind to me and my family. As I grew older I went to golf outings, cook-outs and many, many different functions.

I also was an officer at the Eagles Auxiliary #231 and when he was mayor of the City of Muncie, he helped us raise donations for Vietnam vets and wounded warriors. He also helped us purchase an ambulance for Riley Children's Hospital. That was very important as they will have equipment for surgery on board if needed. He helped through donations by coming out to the Eagles greeting people and socializing, along with cook-outs, car shows and bands.

I highly support any and all references condoning the man, Dennis Tyler.

Respectfully,  
Meredith Conn



The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Your Honor,

I am writing on behalf of Dennis Tyler, the former mayor of Muncie, Indiana. My wife Bibi Bahrami and I have known Mr. Tyler for the last ten years. Our personal relationship with Dennis Tyler has been on a social basis. My wife and I are part of the Muslim community in Muncie. He has been to our home on several occasions with other community leaders including, but not limited to, the president of Ball State University, president of Meridian services, and other community and church leaders, in order to find ways to improve the community at large.

During the many years we have known him, we have found Dennis Tyler to be very humble, caring, open-minded, and respectful to all walks of life. In our discussions, he always focused on how to improve the quality of life of his constituency, economically, socially, and physically. I personally witnessed the dedication he showed while serving our community during his time as mayor.

Sincerely,



Mohammad Saber Bahrami, M.D.

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June 26, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Judge Sweeney:

My name is Ludonna Strunk. I am a stay at home mother, with a son who has special needs. I've known Mr. Tyler and his wife for several years. He is a good man, he has always been an advocate for people with special needs. He always made time for our kids and made them feel a productive part of society.

When it comes time for Mr. Tyler's sentencing, I hope my letter helps. He is a great person, everyone makes mistakes. Please consider this when sentencing him. I hope he will be able to continue to be an important member of our community. Thank you, for your time, Your Honor.

Sincerely,



Ludonna Strunk



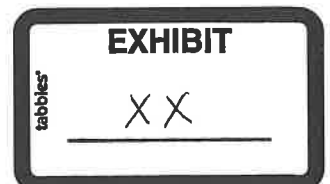


The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
46204

DEAR Judge SWEENEY,

My name is Jeff Granger and I have known Dennis Tyler since I was a young man. I worked with Dennis for over 30 years on the Muncie Fire Department. I drove and he was my Captain for 14 years. Dennis was the best captain I ever worked for. He is a great family man and a great leader, a person I always looked up to, like a father figure to most that ever worked for him. Most importantly he was a great friend and I hope him the best.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Granger



June 25, 2021

Dear Honorable Judge James Sweeney,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dennis Tyler. I have known Mayor Tyler for about 7 years. I came to know Mayor Tyler as an acquaintance when I started working at his grandchildren's school at East Washington Academy.

Mayor Tyler was always a very supportive grandfather. I remember seeing him at school on a weekly basis to pick up his grandchildren from after school care and always attended family school events. When our school was about to close due to costly heating and cooling issues Mayor Tyler went into action to help save our school over our winter break right before Christmas. When costs to fix the system were estimated in the millions of dollars, Mayor Tyler contacted Resolve Tech to find the problem and discovered the cost would only be a few thousand dollars to fix. Mayor Tyler helped raise funds for repairs that we were told by the Superintendent would be too expensive. He prevented our staff/students from being divided and sent to two different elementary schools to finish the year. East Washington Academy was able to stay open as an elementary school because of Dennis Tyler's support.

Mayor Tyler took the time to meet with a concerned group of teachers at City Hall to discuss the financial problems facing Muncie Community School Corporation. Ball State University was in the process to take over our school corporation. Mayor Tyler met with us to hear our questions and concerns during a very uncertain and stressful time to help garner our cooperation with the university to help solidify the merger. He then spoke to President Mearns on our behalf.

Although my interactions with Mayor Tyler were limited I feel he made major contributions to our school and was a great supporter of Muncie Community School teachers. His dedication to his community has been proven with his firefighting career, becoming an Indiana Representative and then serving as the Mayor of Muncie. I am very thankful for his service.

Sincerely,

  
Kasev Hyneman

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June 28, 2021

The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46294

Dear Judge Sweeney,

I am writing on behalf of Dennis Tyler and his case before you as you consider sentencing.

I have had the privilege of knowing Dennis Tyler for nearly 20 years in his capacity as a state legislator and then as Mayor of the City of Muncie. In addition, I was asked to assist him and his family as they grappled with the news of his grandson being diagnosed with autism and trying to figure out next steps. I can share that in all my years of knowing and working with Dennis Tyler, he is a man of integrity and strong character.

During his time as a legislator, Dennis Tyler served on committees that dealt with issues important to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He always took a strong interest in these issues, long before his grandson's diagnosis. He met with families, listened to them and wanted to do all he could to make their lives better. As Mayor, he supported efforts to build a Training Institute and Teaching Hotel in downtown Muncie to assist people with disabilities in learning job skills in food service, hospitality and healthcare. He has always had a determination to help people and he has touched so many lives in the state of Indiana, many of which he will never know.

My whole career has been in government and public policy. I have had the opportunity to meet with many elected officials at the local, state and federal level. It certainly takes a special human being to want to serve one's community in an elected capacity. Dennis Tyler exemplifies what it means to be a public servant as he always put the needs of his community first and always wanted to find ways to create opportunities for people to lead better lives.

I cannot speak to the situation that brings us to the need for this letter today, but I can tell you that Dennis Tyler is a good man with good intentions and, if a mistake was made, that does not take away the years of good he has provided to his constituents during his terms in office.

I respectfully ask that you consider the man Dennis Tyler is when deciding his sentencing. He is a man that others should look to as an example of statesmanship and leadership. He is a man that has always put others' needs above his own. Please consider probation or community service as a sentence as Dennis Tyler's life would not be served well in jail.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dodson



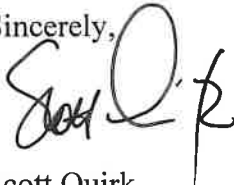
# Tom Cherry Mufflers

Scott Quirk, Owner  
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The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dennis Tyler. I have had a business relationship with Dennis since 2006 as the owner of a small business repairing automobiles. I had had the pleasure to serve both Dennis and his family for all these years. I have known Dennis to be professional and honest in all our business transactions and it was always a positive experience. I have never had a negative interaction with Dennis and considered him to be upfront and sincere in all my dealings with him and those close to him and would do business with him in the future.

Sincerely,



Scott Quirk



The Honorable James Sweeney

Re: Dennis Tyler

Hello, my name is Matt Walker. I am 29 years old; I currently own and operate a small business in Muncie, In. I am Married and My wife and I have a handsome 4-year-old son and a precious newborn baby boy.

I have known Dennis My whole life. Dennis's family and my family have been life long friends. I also had the honor of serving as the assistant parks superintendent for the Muncie City Parks under part of Dennis's tenure as the Mayor of Muncie.

Dennis, has always been the kind of guy to give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. When I was a young man, I always enjoyed seeing Dennis serve as a Muncie firefighter and couldn't wait to ask him about firefighting. As I got older and Dennis served in the general assembly and as mayor, I couldn't wait to see him take the podium to speak words of wisdom and change, but it wasn't until I got to work beside Dennis Daily that I realized what he was about.

Dennis wanted to change the life of every path he crossed for the better. He always bends over backwards to help someone or a group in need whether it was feeding the less fortunate or creating places for kids to go after school in a safe environment. Dennis always made sure that anyone and everyone that he could help got what they needed. One of my favorite traits that He has and always will have is that he stands up for anyone that's needs it no matter Race, Gender, or politics. He has always fought for what's right no matter what the circumstances. Dennis is one of the hardest working people I have ever met. His heart is as big as any always going out of his way to make sure people of our community have what they need.

Dennis Tyler's Life speaks volumes for his character, He is a lifelong public servant. We all know how tough it is to live a life always in the eye of the public but, Dennis continued to do this every day always striving to change lives. In My time working beside Dennis, we worked hard for equality in our city parks. Dennis didn't want any child to miss out. He would apply for special grant funding so that we didn't have to turn any kid away. He would often be found at a weekend youth event in our parks making sure every child was taken care of to his high standard.

I Have spoken with Dennis a few times since his arrest. I Can tell that he is remorseful of his actions and wishes he could take back what he done. I can also tell he wants to move forward and return to his ways of being honest, helpful, and a caring member of our community.

Sincerely, Matt Walker



The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal Court District  
46 E. Ohio St. Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

To the Honorable James Sweeney:

I was asked by Former Muncie Mayor, Dennis Tyler, to write a letter in defense of his character as a friend and as part of his staff during the two terms Dennis Tyler served the people of Muncie, Indiana.

Question one says, How long have you (have I) known Dennis Tyler?

I have known Dennis Tyler since 2005. I met him when I was Executive Director of Motivate Our Minds Educational Center in Muncie, IN. It's been over 20+ years that I have gotten to know and work with him in the Muncie Community.

Question two says, What has been my relationship with Dennis Tyler?

A. Business related: I worked with the Tyler administration from 2010 to 2018 as Executive Director of the Muncie Human Rights Commission. As Director, I was not appointed by the Mayor, but by a Board of Directors. The Mayor's office and Muncie Human Rights worked well together many times.

B. Church related: The Tyler family and myself attend Union Missionary Baptist Church of Muncie Indiana.

C. Family related: Dennis Tyler's relationship with my family has always been good and helpful for both parties. State Representative Dennis Tyler guided my younger brother in getting employment.

D. Socially related: Dennis Tyler supported the programs that the Muncie Human Rights Commission sponsored such as the Muncie Black Expo Corporate Luncheon, Muncie Black Expo Summer Celebration, Muncie Pride Celebration, Muncie Unity Center, Whitely Community Council, MLK Dream Team Freedom Bus, MLK Dream Team Citizenship Recognition, MLK Community Breakfast and many, many other Muncie community programs.

Question three says, What are my opinions of Dennis Tyler's character?

I have found Dennis Tyler to be to have been very knowledgeable about social issues dealing with multiculturalism, race and social justice. Dennis Tyler always dealt with people in a compassionate manner and would usually find solutions for their problems whether he had the answer or some other person or agency had the answer. Dennis Tyler always had and has a heart for all children's welfare in Muncie. It didn't matter what part of the city of Muncie the children lived in. He was always initiating programs to help all the kids in Muncie which in turn helped their families, and then helped Muncie. The Tyler administration was the first to begin a summer jobs program that help many of our teenagers in underserved/low income communities to begin to work and to be mentored by learn from many of the community leaders in Muncie. Dennis Tyler always met with the Islamic community during times of stress and social injustice. He set up a "Five minutes with the Mayor" every second Tuesday of the month, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Anybody that had an issue or concerns whether they were personal, private or community oriented, you were welcome to talk to Mayor Tyler face to face. So my opinion is that I am happy to be part of seeing someone that has had authority to the help people.

It is my hope that Judge Sweeney would allow mercy to Dennis to spend his remaining days on this earth with his loving family. Dennis Tyler, the public servant, sacrificed time from his family to make sure the families of Muncie, IN were taken care of. Please allow the Tyler family the chance to spend precious time with him. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Yvonne C. Thompson



TO THE HONORABLE JAMES SWEENEY:  
MY RELATIONSHIP WITH DENNIS TYLER BEGAN APPROX. 30 YEARS AGO. I AM THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF MILLERS FLOWER SHOP, WE WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1929, DENNIS TYLER AND HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN VERY LOYAL AND TRUSTWORTHY CUSTOMERS FOR A LONG TIME. DURING HIS TIME IN OFFICE HE REGULARLY SENT FLOWERS TO CITIZENS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT TURNED 100. HE WOULD SEND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERALS OFTEN ESPECIALLY TO THE FAMILIES OF PUBLIC SERVANTS. HIS WORD, AND HIS ACCOUNT WAS ALWAYS UPSTANDING AND HE ALWAYS SUPPORTED US AS A SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS. THE SECOND PART OF OUR RELATIONSHIP BEGAN AFTER HE TOOK OFFICE AND I WAS VOTED IN AS VICE PRESIDENT OF A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS FAITH BUILDERS. OUR MISSION WAS HELPING PEOPLE WITH ADDICTION PROBLEMS AND THE HOMELESS. ON MANY OCCASIONS MR. TYLER WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO HELP US. HE WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AND MEET WITH US EVERYTIME WE ASK. HE HELPED US OBTAIN A HOUSE THAT WE WOULD USE TO ACCEPT FURNITURE AND CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR PEOPLE WORKING THRU ADDICTION PROBLEMS AND LIVING IN RECOVERY AND A NEW BEGGINING. HE ATTENDEN AND SPOKE AT OUR EVENTS TO HELP PROMOTE THE NEED FOR SUPPORTERS. HE WAS ALWAYS VERY EAGER TO HELP US HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT WERE IN NEED. IN MY OPINION HE WAS THE MOST CARING AND PERSONABLE MAYOR MUNCIE HAS HAD. I ASK THE COURT TO PLEASE CONSIDER ALL THE HARDWORK, KINDNESS AND CONTRIBUTIONS HE MADE AND SHOWED OUR COMMUNITY. I FEEL THAT IF HE AGREED TO PAY BACK THE MONEY IN QUESTION AND AGREED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT WOULD BE A FAIR SENTENCE CONSIDERING ALL HE HAS DONE FOR HIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU KINDLY FOR READING MY LETTER. SONNI STEVENSON

*Sonni Stevenson*  
7-14-21  
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The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

July 16, 2021

Dear sir,

I have known Mr. Dennis Tyler for more than 15 years. He is my patient. His wife and children are my patients too. During this long time that I have known this family, I have found them to be wonderful people. They are all hard working, sincere and family oriented.

Mr. Tyler is a hardworking and responsible person. Caring for people and sincere in his job. He lives in my neighborhood in a modest house. His family work hard for living. He worked hard as a mayor to improve Muncie. He was always honest and did his best to make a positive difference in our community.

I am very surprised that there is a court order against him. I do not believe that he did anything wrong, a lot of people do not as well. This is completely out of character for him. I wonder if it is politically motivated.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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July 19, 2021

The Honorable Judge James Sweeney  
United State Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio Street  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Judge James Sweeney:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dennis Tyler. I have known Dennis Tyler both professionally and personally for over 30 years.

Dennis and I have served on various committees, boards and organizations and attended the same church. All the years I have known Dennis Tyler, he has never given me reason (s) to doubt his character. Despite his guilty plea, I still believe Dennis Tyler to be an honorable individual, a valuable member of the community and a good human being.

Dennis Tyler is a good friend, loving husband and father, his greatest joy is being a grandfather to his adorable grandchildren.

Respectfully,



Fred A. Fields  
4200 W Friar Dr  
Muncie IN 47304



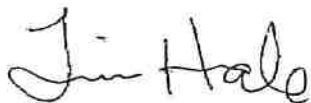
The Honorable James Sweeney  
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I have known Dennis Tyler since 1985 when he was working a second job at the Delaware County airport. He is one of a few people that talked me into applying to the Muncie Fire Department.

Dennis has been a friend, mentor, and officer to me in my thirty one year career at MFD. I was lucky enough to work for him as my Captain for a number of years. His compassion to the residents of Muncie is in part why I became an Officer.

Dennis always led by example. As I worked with Toys for Tots and starting our Pictures With Santa program, Dennis always went out of his way to help to assist me in anything we needed. As Mayor I have never seen such a difference in the downtown infrastructure of a city as when he was Mayor. The inner city was barren and now, thanks to him, it is thriving. New businesses and old buildings becoming apartments are thanks to Dennis. He was always there for the citizens of Muncie and if he ran for Mayor again I would encourage all to vote for him.

Sincerely



Tim Hale



The Honorable Judge James Sweeny  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E. Ohio St  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis Indiana 46204

September 14, 2021

Dear Honorable James Sweeny,

My interactions with Dennis Tyler were limited over nearly a decade, but memorable.

As Director of downtown development, I worked with Dennis on two projects involving troubled youth and creating opportunities for them to better their lives. I was struck by the determination and caring he exhibited in helping complete strangers and their families.

While Dennis served as our state senator, he continued to work tirelessly for the entire community helping introduce and pass legislation, making Muncie and the surrounding communities a better place to raise a family.

When Dennis became mayor of Muncie, I was no longer the director of downtown but watched with great interest the direction he would steer the efforts. Again, Dennis did not disappoint. His ability to unite the many facets needed to make a difference, rose to a new level.

Dennis is a kind, caring, understanding human whom has the ability to help others, lead efforts and unite people, all for the good of his and my community.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
Brian Lough



The Honorable James Sweeney  
United States Federal District Court  
46 E Ohio St  
Courtroom 307  
Indianapolis, In 46204

Dear Judge James Sweeney,

My name is Tamelia Moore, (a lot of people call me Mia) and I would like to tell you a little about Mr. Dennis Tyler. I have known him for 5 years now and our relationship was business, and it easily becomes social. One thing that I can say about him is that he is one of the mayors that I have been around those cares about the community. He is all about making neighborhoods safe and clean as much as he could, while he had volunteered a lot of time that was outside his duties of being mayor. Mr. Tyler was a firm believer that anyone could do a job no matter what the color of their skin was. He would make sure that is there was a position that came open to replace with the same ethnic group that was there before. This is something that I have never seen before, and it helped a lot of people be reward with different positions in the city.

Mr. Dennis Tyler's character is that he is very caring about others and their well-being. If there is an issue that needs to be solved, he would check back to see if things have been taken care of. While I had to deal with Mr. Tyler on a few projects one of them being the mayor's youth council. This is something that was put into place by him, and it helped to understand what the youth in the community needs to stay off the streets. Not only is he a community leader he is also a family man. Mr. Tyler would always have his grandchildren with him to introduce them to different cultures. I apricate Mr. Tyler's efforts in cleaning up the different communities trying to make a difference in Muncie. Thank you for your time and I hope this gives you some insight on a different man than what you have read.

Sincerely

  
Tamelia Moore





JUDGE SWERNEY;

MY NAME IS MICHAEL KING, I HAVE KNOWN DENNIS TYLER FOR CLOSE TO FIFTY YEARS.

WE FOUGHT A LOT OF FIRES TOGETHER, ALMOST LOST OUR LIVES TOGETHER (WHEN A WAREHOUSE ROOF COLLAPSED), JOGGED AND BIKED A LOT OF MILES TOGETHER, WERE ADVERSARIES WHEN I SERVED AS MUNCIE FIRE CHIEF AND HE AS PRESIDENT OF MUNCIE FIREFIGHTERS UNION.

ONE THING I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT DENNIS IS, WHETHER HE WAS FIGHTING FIRE, DRIVING A FIRE TRUCK, RIDING A BICYCLE OR BEING MAYOR, HE ALWAYS STRIVED TO BE THE BEST THAT HE COULD BE.

AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE EVIDENT OF THAT THAN THE COUNTLESS HOURS HE PUT IN AND THE VISION HE HAD FOR THE CITY OF MUNCIE.

WHILE I'M QUITE AWARE THAT THERE WERE MISTAKES MADE AND LACK OF GOOD JUDGEMENT OCCURRED, HOPEFULLY ALL OF HIS EFFORTS AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF MUNCIE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON HIS DAY OF SENTENCING.

THANK YOU  
Michael King

JUDGE JAMES SWEENEY,

I'm writing in regard to my friend  
DENNIS TYLER. I've known Dennis for 25 yrs,  
my son coached his son in high school basketball,  
we became friends as fathers supporting our sons  
and have been friends since. I'm not involved  
with politics, so I don't know much about this  
case, only what I have read in the paper. But I  
do think I know Dennis, he may have made some  
mistakes with some of the people he put under him  
in his administration. But I really and truly believe  
he is an honest man, who worked hard for my  
neighbors and I, both at the statehouse and here  
in Muncie. Not only that, but the years of service  
as a Muncie firefighter. I have always known him  
to be a loyal friend, a loving father and grandfather,  
and I hope that you consider all the years of  
service to our community, and the many, many good  
things he has done when you make your decision.  
Thank you so much, sincerely

Walter C. Duncan



June 25, 2021

To Honorable Judge Sweeney:

This letter is to express my <sup>gratitude</sup> ~~opinion~~ and Thanks to Dennis Tyler. He has always been kind and caring in our endeavors with the City of Muncie Citizens. I admire Dennis for being kind and considerate no matter what type of person he approached at Democrat Functions or cook outs or golf outings.

I have been involved with the Democrat Party my whole life. This is how ~~we~~ I had the opportunity to work with Dennis and his family. The level of care and compassion he showed to everyone he met was truly amazing - rich, poor, cripple, deaf, blind and all kinds of people admired Dennis Tyler.

Thank you for reading my opinion of Dennis Tyler. Friends stand by friends in hard times and I am asking you for all and

June 25, 2021  
Thanking you for any and all  
consideration in this matter

Sandra K. Greer  
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JUNE 25, 2021

TO  
DEAR HONORABLE JUDGE SWENY

I HAVE KNOWN DENNIS TYLER SINCE  
MAY OF 1954 WHEN I MOVED TO  
MUNCIE, FROM PORTLAND. I HAVE GREAT  
RESPECT FOR DENNIS, I WORKED 3 YEARS  
OR MORE FIRE DEPT WITH HIM, I WAS  
PRESIDENT LOCAL 1348 MUNCIE FIRE DEPT  
THEN DENNIS ~~REPLACED~~ SUCCEEDED ME  
AS PRESIDENT. HE IS A GOOD ~~MAN~~ ~~MAN~~ ~~MAN~~  
ALWAYS A GOOD HONEST + FAITHFUL MAN  
HAS DONE A LOT FOR CITIZENS OF MUNCIE  
THANKS JOE E GREER

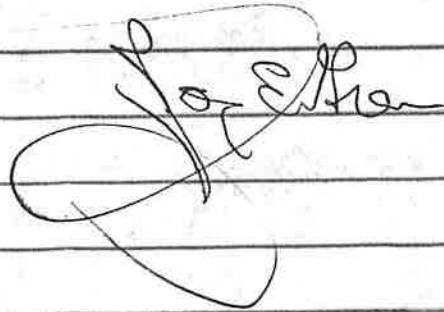


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