

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Case No: 25-cr-00389-EGS
v.)	The Hon. Emmet G. Sullivan
JONAS MURPHY,)	Sentencing Date: June 30, 2026
Defendant.)	

DEFENDANT’S MEMORANDUM IN AID OF SENTENCING

COMES NOW the defendant, Jonas Murphy, by and through undersigned counsel, and in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and § 6A1.2 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines (“U.S.S.G.” or “Sentencing Guidelines”), respectfully submits to this Honorable Court his Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing. As the Court is aware, Mr. Murphy entered, a pre-indictment guilty plea to one count of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2314. The single count offense conduct occurred in the context of Mr. Murphy’s employment as treasurer at a Political Action Committee, where he, between December 2023 and June 2025, embezzled \$1,009,000, all of which was paid back. (Presentence Investigation Report [PSR] at 4; Plea Agreement at 8)

As Your Honor considers the appropriate sentence for Mr. Murphy, he respectfully asks the Court to look at the full picture: his personal history, the significant consequences he has already faced outside of incarceration, and his strong potential for rehabilitation and a productive future. As reflected in the PSR and numerous character letters,¹ the offense to

¹ Attached as Exhibit One is a redacted version of the letters submitted on behalf of Mr. Murphy, with health information and personal identifiers removed. An unredacted version will be provided to the Court and the Government at the time of filing.

which Mr. Murphy pleaded guilty was a clear departure from his otherwise law-abiding life. Now 31 years of age, he has never before had any contact with the criminal justice system.

He has lived a life characterized by those who know him best as kindhearted, loving, supporting of others, selfless, dependable, empathetic, compassionate, caring, understanding, honest, respectful, thoughtful, generous, and considerate. (*See*, Exhibit One)

And when he comes before the Court for sentencing on June 30, 2026, he will request that, in consideration of the above, the Court impose a sentence of, *inter alia*, a term of three years of probation, with the first four months on home detention, conditioned on performing 300 hours of community service and that he continue to re-pay his parents for the monies they have loaned him to make restitution² to the victim agency.³ Given Mr. Murphy's extraordinary post-offense rehabilitation, as well as his low risk of reoffending⁴, we respectfully submit that the foregoing represents a sentence that is sufficient but not more than necessary to meet the needs of federal sentencing.

The sentence we propose is justified not only by the nature of the offense, but by the deeply human and extraordinary circumstances that shaped Mr. Murphy's actions over many years. This is not a case driven by greed or disregard for the law, but by a profound and longstanding fear of abandonment that ultimately overwhelmed his judgment.

² During the three years of probation, we suggest that the Court allow the probation office to set a minimum monthly amount based on whatever Mr. Murphy's income is at the time.

³ We have intentionally not named the "victim," as the government chose not to name them in any of the paperwork filed in publicly available documents. We, like the government, do not wish to bring any unwanted and unnecessary embarrassment to them.

⁴*See*, Sentencing Recommendation, Dk 16, where the probation office opines that "defendant . . . is not . . . a danger to the community; and United States' Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing, DK 17, page 3: "The Government has no doubt that [Mr. Murphy's] remorse is genuine, that he has fully accepted responsibility for his behavior, and that he *has taken and will continue to take steps to restore people's trust in him.*" [Emphasis Added] See argument on this issue at III. C., *infra*. at 16.

As reflected in the letters submitted by Mr. Murphy⁵ and his parents, he entered the world under difficult circumstances—placed for adoption shortly after birth. Although he was raised with love and care by the only family he has ever known, the knowledge that he had been relinquished at the very beginning of his life left a lasting emotional imprint. That early experience fostered a persistent sense of insecurity and fear of being left behind again.

These feelings were compounded by years of struggling with his [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. As a person of a different race from his adoptive parents, he often felt visibly set apart, reinforcing his belief that he did not quite fit in. For much of his life, he internalized the idea that he was somehow “less than,” unworthy, or easily replaceable.

By the time he entered his first serious romantic relationship at the age of 28, these vulnerabilities had not diminished—they had deepened. That relationship became, in his mind, not just a source of companionship, but a fragile lifeline. He believed—rightly or wrongly—that maintaining it required him to meet expectations he felt ill-equipped to fulfill, including sustaining an expensive and extravagant lifestyle. The fear that this partner might leave him if he failed to provide such experiences was not abstract; it echoed the deepest fear he had carried since childhood.

In that state of emotional distress and desperation, Mr. Murphy made a series of poor decisions. After exhausting his personal savings and borrowing from his family, he turned to his employer’s funds—not out of entitlement, but out of panic and a misguided attempt to preserve the one relationship he believed gave him stability and worth.

⁵ Mr. Murphy wrote a letter to the probation officer assigned to write the PSR, and that letter is printed in its entirety at page 5 of the PSR. He has written another letter to Your Honor and that is attached as Exhibit Two.

None of this excuses his conduct, and Mr. Murphy fully acknowledges his wrongdoing. However, it does provide critical context. His actions were not born of malice, but of fear, insecurity, and a deeply rooted longing for acceptance and permanence. These mitigating factors warrant careful consideration and support a sentence that reflects both accountability and compassion.

Mr. Murphy's actions once his employer inquired about a discrepancy in the company's accounting further support this request for leniency. The Government, in its sentencing memorandum, repeatedly notes the commendable manner in which Mr. Murphy conducted himself after learning he was the target of a federal criminal investigation, and we appreciate that recognition. However, the Government also states—four times, in various ways—that when first confronted by his employer, Mr. Murphy initially lied but *ultimately* admitted his conduct. While this characterization is not inaccurate, we believe it is somewhat misleading and warrants clarification.⁶

The Victim Company identified a discrepancy involving a single \$15,000 entry in its bookkeeping records. On the afternoon of July 9, 2025, three supervisors requested Mr. Murphy to come to their office; and asked him to explain the discrepancy. At that time, the Company was seeking only an explanation for that single entry and was unaware of the full scope of the embezzlement.

Mr. Murphy denied any knowledge of the discrepancy, understanding that the Company had not yet discovered the extent of his misconduct. He immediately sought legal representation and contacted undersigned counsel. We met the following morning, July 10, 2025.

⁶ We do not assert and do not intend to even imply that AUSA Kondi Kleinman, the author of the Government's Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing, intended to mislead the Court. Indeed, counsel has no doubt that Mr. Kleinman was unaware of the timeline of events surrounding Mr. Murphy's admission of guilt to his employer.

During that initial meeting, Mr. Murphy fully disclosed, without reservation, the extent of his actions to counsel. He expressed a clear and unequivocal desire to accept responsibility and to inform his employer, without delay, of the full extent of his misconduct.

Despite counsel's advice to proceed more deliberately, Mr. Murphy insisted on confronting the situation head-on. From counsel's office, he contacted his employer, who requested that corporate counsel join the call. During that conversation, to what appeared to this counsel to be the absolute shock of his employer, Mr. Murphy openly admitted to the theft. He then took the additional step of assembling and providing detailed financial records, including annotated bank statements, to transparently identify the transactions associated with his misconduct.

Equally significant is Mr. Murphy's immediate and substantial effort to make restitution. With the assistance of his parents, he acted swiftly to repay the full amount owed. This required considerable personal and familial sacrifice, including the liquidation of retirement savings and his parents' decision to encumber their home. While the Murphy family was left now deeply in debt, within a matter of weeks, the victim company had been made whole.

Mr. Murphy's acceptance of responsibility did not end there. Four months later, on November 12, 2025 when contacted by the United States Attorney's Office, through counsel, regarding a criminal investigation, Mr. Murphy again chose full transparency. At his direction, counsel arranged a meeting with the government without the benefit of any cooperation agreement or assurances. At that meeting, only 9 days later, Mr. Murphy once more confessed to his conduct, provided a complete account of how the funds were used and why, and expressed his willingness to plead guilty to any charges the government deemed appropriate. He ultimately formalized that acceptance of responsibility through a pre-indictment plea agreement.

As discussed in greater detail below, the conduct underlying this case represents a brief but serious lapse in judgment, driven not by greed or malice, but by Mr. Murphy's longstanding and deeply rooted fear of abandonment, his struggle with self-worth, and his misguided attempt to preserve a relationship he believed defined his stability and value. While these factors do not excuse his actions, they provide important context that supports the sentence that we recommend.

The question before the Court in the post-*Booker*⁷ era is how justice will be served in this extremely unusual case. The Court must consider the Sentencing Guidelines, but it also must take into account all of the circumstances of the offense and all of the characteristics of Mr. Murphy. The defense submits that the path to justice in this case is clear. Sentence Mr. Murphy to a three-year period of probation. Condition that probation on his continuing to provide community service and structure, through the probation office, a condition that he continue to repay his parents for the money they fronted him which allowed him to make restitution in full, and attach any other conditions that the Court feels are advisable and extend the probation, if needed, for any duration the Court feels is warranted. But do not incarcerate Mr. Murphy. Justice can be achieved only if the law has a conscience, a sense of what is right and what is wrong. Putting Mr. Murphy in prison for the period of time suggested by the sentencing guidelines would be wrong. The defense urges the Court to reject that course.

ARGUMENT

As the Court is aware, the Supreme Court's decision in *Booker* rendered the United States Sentencing Guidelines advisory in order to remedy the Sixth Amendment violation that resulted from a mandatory Guidelines system. The applicable advisory Guidelines range now is merely one factor that the Court must consider when imposing sentence, and while the Court must still

⁷ *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005)

correctly calculate the guideline range, *Gall v. United States*, 552 U.S. 38, 49 (2007), it may not treat that range as mandatory or presumptive, *id.* at 51, “may not presume that the Guidelines range is reasonable” *id.* at 48-49, but must treat it as “one factor among several” to be considered in imposing an appropriate sentence under § 3553(a). *Kimbrough v. United States*, 552 U.S. 85, 90 (2007). The Court’s duty is to consider all of the factors identified in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and to “impose a sentence sufficient, but not greater than necessary” to comply with the purposes of sentencing set forth in the statute. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). As discussed below, the advisory Guidelines range in this case far exceeds a level that is “sufficient, but not greater than necessary” to serve the purposes of federal sentencing when one considers the unique circumstances of this case and the characteristics of Mr. Murphy. Based on the history and characteristics of Mr. Murphy, the nature and unique circumstances of his offense, and the objectives of federal sentencing, Mr. Murphy asks the Court to reject the advisory Guidelines range in this case as excessive and to impose a period of probation with the conditions outlined herein—a sentence we submit is sufficient but not greater than necessary to comply with all the requirements of federal sentencing.

I. The Advisory Sentencing Guidelines Range

The first step in post-*Booker* federal sentencing requires the Court to calculate the applicable advisory Guidelines range. *In re Sealed Case*, 527 F.3d 188, 191 (D.C. Cir. 2008) (citing *Gall*, 522 U.S. at 49). Mr. Murphy does not dispute that his advisory Guidelines range is, as the Presentence Report (PSR) reflects, 24 to 30 months.⁸ The PSR writer applied § 2B1.1 (a)(2) of the Guidelines Manual. Under that section, Mr. Murphy’s base offense level is 6. Because there

⁸ Further, the defendant notifies the Court that there are no unresolved objections to the PSR, and he will make no objection to the final, revised PSR being accepted by the Court as written.

was a “loss,”⁹ of \$1,009,000, a 14-level increase is mandated by U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1 (b)(1)(H). A two-level adjustment for role in the offense was added because Mr. Murphy abused a position of trust. U.S.S.G. § 32B1.3, leaving an adjusted offense level of 22.

A two-level reduction in the offense level was awarded because Mr. Murphy meets the criteria at U.S.S.G. §§ 4C1.1(a)(1)-(11) and is therefore a Zero-Point Offender. U.S.S.G. §§ 4C1.1(a) and (b). With a three-level downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility, *see* U.S.S.G. §3E1.1(a) and (b), Mr. Murphy’s total offense level is 17. Since Mr. Murphy has no criminal history and thus has no criminal history points, he falls in a Criminal History Category I. The resulting advisory Guidelines range is 24 to 30 months of imprisonment. In other words, the Guidelines suggest that Mr. Murphy receive a sentence of between two and two and a half years in prison for his offense; and that recommendation takes *absolutely no account* of the mitigating § 3553(a) circumstances presented by his case.

Even Probation recognizes that this sentencing range is more than necessary to achieve the goals of sentencing in a case such as this. Probation has recommended that the Court grant a variance and sentence Mr. Murphy to 60-months of probation, with the first six months on home detention and that during the first 30-months of probation he complete 300 hours of community service. [*See*, Sentencing Recommendation, Dk 16] We support the probation office’s advocacy for a variance from the guideline range and, while we find the probation office’s recommendation reasonable, we suggest that a period of three years’ probation, with the first four months on home detention to be sufficient, but no more than necessary to meet the needs of federal sentencing.

⁹ “Loss” is, in this case, a misnomer, as complete restitution was made even before Mr. Murphy was charged, but he understands that, for Guideline purposes, he must nonetheless be held accountable as if the victim actually suffered the loss.

II. The Guidelines' Loss Figure Overstates the Seriousness of the Offense

The advisory Guidelines range applicable to Mr. Murphy is 24 to 30 months. The Court must, of course, consider that range in imposing sentence. 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(4). But the Guidelines are only one factor among many, and in this case they yield a result that is greater than necessary to achieve the purposes of sentencing under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Specifically, the loss-driven calculation here substantially overstates both the seriousness of the offense and Mr. Murphy's actual culpability.

The calculation of Mr. Murphy's Guidelines range began with a base offense level of six. § 2B1.1(a)(2). From there, fourteen levels were added based solely on the loss table. § 2B1.1(b)(1)(H). That single factor increased the offense level to 20—more than tripling the base level and overwhelmingly driving the final advisory range. While this mechanical increase is consistent with the Guidelines Manual, courts have long recognized that such an approach is unusual and, in appropriate cases, warrants careful scrutiny. As the Supreme Court explained in *Kimbrough v. United States*, 552 U.S. 85, 101 (2007), a sentencing court may vary from the Guidelines where it disagrees with the Commission's policy determinations. The Second Circuit has echoed that principle, holding that district courts may impose non-Guidelines sentences on that basis. *United States v. Cavera*, 550 F.3d 180, 192 (2d Cir. 2008) (en banc).

Most directly on point, the court in *United States v. Algahaim*, 843 F.3d 796, 800 (2d Cir. 2016), recognized that “[w]here the Commission has assigned a rather low base offense level to a crime and then increased it significantly by a loss enhancement, that combination of circumstances entitles a sentencing judge to consider a non-Guidelines sentence.” That is precisely the situation here. Mr. Murphy's advisory range is not the product of a nuanced assessment of culpability, but rather the result of a single, outsized economic metric.

Critically, that metric does not reflect the real-world harm in this case. There is no enduring pecuniary loss. The victim was made whole before Mr. Murphy was even charged. In practical terms, the financial harm is zero. Yet the Guidelines treat this case identically to one involving a permanent loss of slightly over \$1 million. That equivalence is artificial. It obscures the fundamental distinction between temporary and lasting harm—one that bears directly on culpability and the need for punishment.

The nature of the conduct further underscores why a Guidelines sentence would be excessive. This was not a sophisticated or large-scale fraud. It did not involve multiple victims, a broader criminal enterprise, or the hallmarks of serial or professional fraud schemes. The funds were used within the context of a personal relationship—not to fuel an ongoing or expanding pattern of criminal activity. In short, this case falls far outside the paradigm that the loss table is designed to address.

Finally, although the Guidelines do not formally credit the timing or voluntariness of restitution beyond the standard acceptance-of-responsibility adjustment, those facts are highly relevant under § 3553(a). Mr. Murphy repaid the funds before charges were brought, demonstrating a level of accountability and remorse that exceeds the norm. Yet the Guidelines calculation treats this case as though the loss—and its consequences—persist.

For all of these reasons, the advisory range overstates both the seriousness of the offense and Mr. Murphy's culpability. A below-Guidelines sentence would more accurately reflect the actual harm, the nature of the conduct, and the purposes of sentencing set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

III. The Other § 3553 Factors

Identifying the applicable advisory Guidelines range and determining what weight, if any, should be given to it, is only the first step. Although the Court “must include the Guidelines range in the array of factors warranting consideration” as it determines an appropriate sentence under § 3553, *Kimbrough*, 552 U.S. at 91, it is also the Court’s important prerogative to decide independently how much persuasive authority the advisory Guidelines range should receive in a particular case. In *Kimbrough*, the Supreme Court made clear that the broad discretion district courts possess in post-*Booker* federal sentencing includes the authority to question whether a Guideline truly reflects the sentencing considerations contained in § 3553(a). *Kimbrough*, 552 U.S. at 102. Thus, this correct, but unjust we would argue, computation resulting in a guideline range of from 24 to 30 months should not, in this particular case be given much persuasive authority, not only for the reasons stated in Section II, *supra*, but as well when one considers the other §3553 factors.

Section 3553 requires a sentencing court to impose a sentence that is “sufficient, but not greater than necessary” to comply with four purposes of federal sentencing. 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Those four purposes are the need for the sentence imposed (1) to reflect the seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment; (2) to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct; (3) to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant; and (4) to provide the defendant with needed training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner. 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2). In addition, § 3553 requires district courts to consider the following factors (in addition to the advisory Guidelines range and any pertinent policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission) in imposing sentence: (1) the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and characteristics of the defendant; (2) the kinds of

sentences available; (3) the need to avoid unwarranted sentence disparities among defendants with similar records who have been found guilty of similar conduct; and (4) the need to provide restitution to any victim(s). 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1)-(7). For the reasons that follow, Mr. Murphy submits that a slight downward variance from the advisory Guidelines range is, as the probation office recommends, warranted in this case.

A. The Nature and Circumstances of Mr. Murphy's Offense

A discussion of the “nature and circumstances” of Mr. Murphy’s offense must explore both his criminal conduct and a description of the events that led to that criminal conduct. That discussion follows.

1. Mr. Murphy's Criminal Conduct

The Statement of Offense in support of the guilty plea, as repeated almost verbatim on page 4 of the Presentence Report, accurately describes the criminal conduct of Mr. Murphy. More concisely, over a period of 18 months from the end of 2023 until mid-2025, Mr. Murphy via ACH transfers, stole \$1,009,000 from his employer. Some of those funds were used to buy items in New York, thus the charge of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4)(B) and (b)(2).

There is little more to say about the underlying conduct: it was plainly serious. Theft is inherently serious, and the magnitude here—over one million dollars—only heightens that gravity. At the same time, the offense did not involve sophistication or concealment. Mr. Murphy did not employ any special skill or attempt to disguise his actions; rather, he repeatedly transferred funds into his own accounts, creating an obvious paper trail that he knew would ultimately lead directly back to him.

Mr. Murphy, through counsel, negotiated a plea agreement with the government in which he agreed to enter a pre-indictment plea to a criminal information charging him with one count of

Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4)(B) and (b)(2). On December 12, 2025, the government filed the one-count Information. On January 21, 2026, Mr. Murphy was arraigned, pled guilty to the Information, and released under conditions, where he has remained, violation free, since. *See* PSR at 3, ¶ 7.

In determining a just sentence, the Court should, we respectfully submit, look beyond the amount of money involved and consider the individual before it. In this case, that includes examining the circumstances and pressures that may have driven Mr. Murphy to seek such substantial sums. Understanding those underlying factors provides important context for the conduct at issue and informs a more complete and fair assessment of the appropriate sentence.

2. The Events That Led to Mr. Murphy's Criminal Conduct

Mr. Murphy's story does not begin with his offense; it begins at birth, with loss. He entered the world under difficult circumstances—born to a mother struggling with [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and soon after placed for adoption. He never knew his biological parents, not even their names. What he did know, and carried with him, was that he had been given up at the very beginning of his life. Although he was raised with care and love by his adoptive family, that early rupture left a quiet but enduring mark: a fear, deep and persistent, of being left behind again.

As he grew older, that sense of insecurity found other footholds. He struggled with his weight and with feelings of not being attractive or worthy of attention. As someone who did not physically resemble his adoptive family, he often felt set apart, reinforcing an internal narrative that he did not quite belong. Over time, these experiences shaped how he saw himself—not as someone secure and deserving, but as someone replaceable, someone who might be abandoned if he failed to measure up.

By the time he entered his first serious relationship at age twenty-eight, those vulnerabilities had only deepened. When he fell in love, he did so with an intensity born of years

of longing—for acceptance, for connection, for the sense that someone would finally choose him and stay. To him, the relationship was not simply companionship; it was emotional survival. And with that came fear—the familiar, gnawing fear that if he did not meet expectations, if he did not provide enough, he would be left once more.

In his mind, love became something he had to secure and maintain through giving. The man he loved expected a lifestyle that Mr. Murphy could not realistically sustain—expensive gifts, lavish dinners, first-class travel, and extravagant experiences. At first, Mr. Murphy gave what he could. Within weeks, his savings were gone. He turned to his family, borrowing money under various pretexts, trying to keep pace, trying not to lose what he believed he had finally found. But those resources, too, were finite.

Faced with the prospect of losing the relationship that had come to define his sense of worth, Mr. Murphy made a series of increasingly desperate choices. In that state of fear and emotional dependency, he convinced himself—wrongly—that he could solve the problem, that he could sustain the relationship just a little longer, that somehow it would all work out. It was then that he turned to his employer's funds, not out of arrogance or entitlement, but out of panic and a deeply misguided attempt to hold onto the one connection he believed he could not survive without.

For over a year, that pattern continued. Each transfer was not just a financial act, but an emotional one—another attempt to buy time, to buy affection, to buy reassurance that he would not be abandoned again. But the very thing he hoped to secure could not be purchased. In the end, the illusion collapsed. The paper trail he left behind led directly to him, as he must have known it would. And with that, both the relationship and his attempt to sustain it came to an end.

Mr. Murphy believed he could buy love. He now understands, painfully, that he could not. What followed was, in many ways, an even deeper reckoning. Mr. Murphy has had to confront the painful truth that the love he believed he was preserving was contingent all along. When the money stopped, so did the relationship. The person he believed to be his partner disappeared, confirming the very fear that had shaped his life from the beginning. In a final effort to make amends, Mr. Murphy asked that the gifts be returned so they could be sold to help repay what he had taken. That request, too, was rejected.¹⁰

It is difficult to overstate the emotional toll of that realization. The fear of abandonment that had followed him since childhood was not only triggered but realized in the most concrete way. One is left to wonder how he has borne that weight—how he has processed the collapse of both his actions and the relationship that drove them. Whatever sentence is imposed, it is worth recognizing that Mr. Murphy has already endured a profound personal consequence, one that no court could have intended, and one that speaks directly to the vulnerabilities that led him here.

B. Mr. Murphy’s Exceptional Acceptance of Responsibility Supports a Variance

Mr. Murphy does not minimize the gravity of his offense. He accepts, without reservation, that his conduct was both unlawful and a profound moral failing. In his own words, he is “ashamed”—a sentiment that reflects not only regret, but a clear understanding that he has breached the trust placed in him by his employer, his colleagues, and his family. His remorse is neither superficial nor strategic; it is deeply felt and plainly expressed.

Any attempt to summarize his two letters would risk diminishing their sincerity and force. They speak with a candor and depth that cannot be meaningfully condensed. Because the Court

¹⁰ Yet, in his letters to probation [PSR at 5] and to Your Honor [Exhibit Two] he makes clear that he takes full responsibility for his actions “No one forced me, pressured me, or made this decision for me. I made the choice and I am accountable for it.” *Id.*

will have the benefit of reading them in full—as I have, more than once—I respectfully submit that they are the most compelling evidence of his remorse and his genuine commitment to making amends.

Mr. Murphy’s letters reenforce the premise that the Court’s statutory directive in this sentencing proceeding is to consider not only the “nature” of the offense of conviction as an abstract matter, but also the real-life “circumstances” of it as a concrete matter. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1). The mitigating circumstances of Mr. Murphy’s offense simply could not be more compelling.

One of the foundational rules of our criminal justice system is that punishment should be commensurate with the crime and its threat to society. The need to tailor sentences to the dangers and needs of the individual being sentenced, keeping in mind his family and community are also foundational. Proportionality in sentencing encourages a fair system. Increasingly, judges, prosecutors, advocates and concerned citizens have recognized that the current sentencing approach often times can be unfair, sometimes unreasonable and from time to time, even cruel.

In this case there are many reasons if not justifications for a sentence outside the guideline range established for Mr. Murphy. The Probation Office offers a beginning to that conversation: “The facts of this case, coupled with the background and characteristics of this defendant, as well as his show of good faith demonstrated by his paying restitution in full to the victim in advance of an order requiring him to do so, support a variance in this case. Punishment can be accomplished through other measures such as home detention and a significant number of community service hours.” Recommendation of Final Presentence Investigation Report, DK 16, p. 1

C. Mr. Murphy Poses No Threat to Society

Mr. Murphy's offense—taking money from his employer over a period of approximately 18 months—is serious, and he does not minimize it. In many cases, such conduct might suggest a risk of reoffending, and thus a threat to society. But this is not such a case. When viewed in full context—his background, his character, his support system, and, most importantly, his genuine recognition of wrongdoing—the record demonstrates that Mr. Murphy poses no threat to the public and will not reoffend.

Mr. Murphy's life before this offense reflects stability, responsibility, and a commitment to lawful conduct. He is college-educated, holding a bachelor's degree in political science, and has obtained a realtor's license. He has been consistently employed throughout his adult life and has a long history of service to others, volunteering since childhood and continuing that commitment into adulthood.¹¹ He has even held positions working for a United States Senator—roles that required trust, accountability, and integrity. Aside from the instant offense, he has never had any contact with law enforcement.

Equally important, Mr. Murphy does not struggle with substance abuse or addiction—factors that often drive or complicate criminal behavior. This offense was not the product of a chaotic or uncontrolled lifestyle, but rather a profound lapse in judgment that he now fully

¹¹ Mr. Murphy has been engaged in community service since high school, volunteering at various food kitchens and nursing homes. He continued these efforts throughout college and into his adult life. Even now, despite the significant pressures he is under, he continues to perform community service, as detailed in his letter to the Court. [Exhibit Two] Because Mr. Murphy is not under court order to perform community service, he has not maintained a complete record of all hours volunteered. However, he does have online access to records beginning March 1, 2025, from one agency where he volunteers. Records reflecting his community service from March 1, 2026 through May 3, 2026, as well as his calendar showing committed volunteer times for the remainder of May and for June 2026, are attached as Exhibit Three.

understands and deeply regrets. And, though he has offered the reasons why he did what he did, they are offered as context and not as an excuse.

Mr. Murphy's personal history also reflects both hardship and resilience. He was abandoned at birth and adopted, circumstances that have caused lasting emotional impact, which we have already addressed. But significantly, he is now confronting those issues responsibly by

[REDACTED] This willingness to seek help and address underlying issues is a strong indicator of rehabilitation and a safeguard against future misconduct.

His family support is extraordinary and further ensures that he poses no risk to the community. Mr. Murphy is currently living at home and has committed himself to repaying his parents for the funds they provided to make restitution. He understands the weight of this obligation—not only financial, but moral—and has pledged to meet it. His parents, who have supported him throughout his life, now depend on him in return, particularly given his mother's

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[REDACTED] Mr. Murphy has embraced the responsibility of helping care for her, reflecting a renewed commitment to family, accountability, and service.

Perhaps most compelling is Mr. Murphy's own insight into his conduct. He fully recognizes that he violated a position of trust and has articulated, a clear and sincere commitment to change. "[T]his experience has also reminded me that a meaningful life is not built on appearances, validation, or material displays—but on integrity, relationships, and contributing positively to others. That is the standard I am now committed to living by." See Exhibit Two

[REDACTED]

This is not a superficial statement offered for mitigation; it is consistent with his actions—seeking treatment, accepting responsibility, working to make restitution, and reorienting his life around lawful and constructive values.

In sum, every relevant factor—his lack of prior criminal history, his stable employment and education, his absence of substance abuse, his proactive mental health treatment, his strong family support, and his genuine remorse—points in a single direction: Mr. Murphy is not a danger to the public. There is no need for the Court to impose a sentence designed to protect society from him, because society does not need protection from Mr. Murphy.

C. Mr. Murphy Has A Strong Community Support Network

Many in the criminal justice system argue that the single most important factor for predicting a defendant's post-conviction success in the community is the kind and extent of the support network. As one former first lady, Secretary of State and U.S. Senator, famously wrote some 30 years ago, *It Takes a Village*. And on this score the scales tip decidedly in Mr. Murphy's favor. As the attached letters attest, Mr. Murphy has a strong support system, not only of his parents, but also his aunts, uncles and cousins (contemporaries in age) from both sides of his parents' family. They know him for the man he truly is, someone, like all of us, who has made a bad choice, but who is at his core a selfless, trustworthy, loving, empathetic person.

Mr. Murphy's cousin, Elizabeth Brady, a clinical social worker, writes: "When I sat down to write this letter, I was considering which big, grand story of Jonas's kindness, selflessness, or compassionate nature I should share. Then it hit me, that the thing I most want to convey is that it wasn't ever one grand moment that I saw. It is the way that he shows up every single day as a patient, empathetic, calm human being. Jonas is the person that when you look across the room on

family holidays, he's wrapped up in a conversation with our elderly relatives, listening to them complaining with the attention and kindness that only a genuine person could give. He's always the first person to ask how others are doing and ask deep and thoughtful questions about everyone around him." *See* Exhibit One

This theme of Mr. Murphy's willingness to help and his selflessness continues throughout the numerous letters that have been submitted to the court on his behalf.

Morgan Nicolosi, a special education teacher, writes that "the mistake that Jonas has made is not reflective of who he is as a person. Jonas has always been a kind-hearted and loving individual, who I have only known to help and be supportive of others. He's a person who shows up for those around him and always takes genuine interest in the lives of others." *Id.*

The themes of generosity, dependability, empathy and selflessness are repeated throughout the letters that have been submitted to the Court. These letters demonstrate that the crime that Mr. Murphy committed does not reflect his fundamental character, which is that of a kind, loyal, trustworthy son, cousin, nephew who has devoted himself to bettering the lives of others.¹³ And it appears that those traits – displayed over a lifetime – have earned dividends. Not only have people not shunned him upon learning that he has admitted to having stolen money, but they have jumped on his bandwagon in support, expressing that they recognize these charges to be an aberration from a lifetime of good. As his cousin, Sean Murphy writes, "When I heard the news of what Jonas is going through and the mistake he made, I was shocked. When I heard of the effort he is taking to make amends, right the wrongs, and start on the correct path forward, I wasn't. . . .

¹³ Knowing the Court's consistent care and attention to such submissions, counsel is confident that each letter will be read thoughtfully and therefore will not burden the Court with extended quotations from them.

My father Kevin and I discussed everything that we know about this situation and we both agreed. **We do not feel any different about Jonas than we did before we got the news.** He is still the smart, caring, understanding, and loving person that we look forward to seeing every chance we get.” *Id.* [Emphasis in original]

No one who knows Jonas Murphy believes—even for a moment—that he poses any risk of reoffending or any danger to the community. Those who have stood by him, and who understand both his circumstances and his character, speak with one voice: he is committed to making things right. He has taken on the obligation to repay his parents and to care for them, and he is actively working to fulfill that responsibility.

A sentence that allows Mr. Murphy to remain in the community will best serve those ends. It will enable him to continue making restitution, to support and care for his family, and to build on the genuine rehabilitation he has already begun. For these reasons, a sentence of probation is not only appropriate—it is the outcome most consistent with justice and the interests of all involved.

D. Punishment And Deterrence Can Be Accomplished Without Sending Mr. Murphy To Prison

Given the compelling record demonstrating that Mr. Murphy poses no risk to the public, his strong and enduring community support, his complete lack of prior criminal history, and the considerations set forth above, a sentence of probation—conditioned on four months of home detention, 300 hours of community service, and continued repayment to his parents for the funds they advanced toward restitution—fully satisfies the punishment prong of sentencing. Such a sentence appropriately reflects the seriousness of the offense while promoting accountability, rehabilitation, and restitution in a meaningful and constructive way.

Moreover, Mr. Murphy has already experienced consequences that, in many respects, exceed the punitive impact of a term of incarceration. As a direct result of his conduct, he has lost not only a well-paying position, but the career and professional future he had spent years building. He fully accepts responsibility for those losses, but their impact is permanent and far-reaching.

Even more profound is the emotional burden he now carries from having nearly destroyed the financial security of his parents—the very people who adopted him, raised him, and continue to support him unconditionally despite the pain he has caused. That harm cannot be undone. It is a weight he will carry for the rest of his life.

Mr. Murphy understands that the consequences of his actions extend far beyond this case or any sentence the Court may impose. As he grows older, he will inevitably reflect on the life and opportunities he forfeited when he lost his moral compass while desperately seeking the acceptance and security of someone he feared would abandon him. The tragedy is that he already recognizes this reality. He knows there is no way to undo the damage he caused. All he can do now is move forward, devote himself to repaying his parents, and spend the rest of his life working to regain the trust of his parents and the others who continue to love and support him.

He has also endured the deep personal humiliation of having his conduct exposed to his family, friends, and professional community. The stigma of these charges has already diminished his future employment prospects in a tangible and lasting way. His aspirations in real estate, for example, were effectively extinguished when his employer was notified of the charges. These are not speculative harms—they are concrete consequences that Mr. Murphy continues to face daily.

In this context, incarceration is not necessary to achieve just punishment. As the Probation Office recognized, a substantial period of community service, combined with home detention, will

impose meaningful restrictions on Mr. Murphy's liberty while allowing him to continue making restitution and supporting his family. Such a sentence holds him accountable while advancing the broader goals of sentencing far more effectively than a term of imprisonment.

A prison sentence also is not necessary for specific deterrence. The public does not require any further protection from Mr. Murphy, nor is there reason to believe he will reoffend.

Although general deterrence remains a required consideration under § 3553(a), there is little evidence to support a finding that harsh sentences deter future criminal conduct. The unique combination of motivation and circumstance that lead otherwise law-abiding citizens to risk imprisonment are not so easily overcome by the imposition of lengthy sentences. Although that theory might be appealing on its face, the reality is that there is little to no difference in the deterrent effect between probation and imprisonment. See Francis T. Cullen et al., *Prisons Do Not Reduce Recidivism: The High Cost of Ignoring Science*, 91 *Prison J.* 48S, 50S-51S (2011) (according the "the best available evidence . . . prisons do not reduce recidivism more than noncustodial sanctions"); see also Michael Tonry, *Purposes and Functions of Sentencing*, 34 *Crime & Just.: A Review of Research* 2829 (2006) ("increases in severity of punishments do not yield significant (if any) marginal deterrent effects . . . Three national Academy of Science Panels, all appointed by Republican presidents, reached that conclusion, as has every major survey of the evidence."); Andrew von Hirsch, et al. *Criminal Deterrence and Sentence Severity: An Analysis of Recent Research* (1999) (concluded that correlations between sentence severity and crime rates were statistically insignificant). Indeed the Sentencing Commission has found that "[i]here is no correlation between recidivism and guidelines' offense level . . ." U.S. Sentencing Commission,

Measuring Recidivism: The Criminal History Computation of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, at 15 (2004); Donald P. Green & Daniel Winik, Using Random Judge Assignments to Estimate the Effects of Incarceration and Probation on Recidivism among Drug Offenders, 48 *Criminology* 357 (2010) (study of over a thousand offenders whose sentences varied substantially in prison time and probation found that such variations “have no detectable effect on rates of re-arrest,” and that “[t]hose assigned by chance to receive prison time and their counterparts who received no prison time were re-arrested at similar rates over a four-year time frame”).

Moreover, there is a moral limit on the extent to which the need for general deterrence can or should be borne on the shoulders of one individual.¹⁴ This in combination with the fact that there is no decisive evidence to support the conclusion that harsh sentences have a general and specific deterrent effect on those who embezzle money, lead us to conclude that imprisoning Mr. Murphy for even one day on a speculative belief that it might somehow, somewhere, someday stop someone unknown to him or to the Court from committing a similar crime, is unfair, unwarranted and in this case unjustified.

There being, we submit, no risk of recidivism on the part of Mr. Murphy, incarceration will incur a large cost to taxpayers, and an even larger personal cost in Mr. Murphy’s case to his parents. No one could look at the facts of this case and see a period of probation as a reason to take the risk of committing the crime committed by Mr. Murphy.

The government argues in its Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing that “[general deterrence] weighs in favor of a custodial sentence to make it clear to would-be embezzlers that if they violate

¹⁴ See *United States v. Meyers*, 353 F. Supp. 2d 1026, 1029 n. 1 (S.D. Iowa 2005) (“[T]he weight of society’s need to send a message to potential wrongdoers can only be borne to a limited extent by one individual.”); Paul H. Robinson, *Distributive Principles of Criminal Law*, at 223 (2008) (noting potential ethical objection to overemphasis on general deterrence, which “relies on treating the person being punished as a mere instrument by which to influence the conduct of others”).

the trust that their employers place in them and steal \$1 million, the penalty will include jail time.” Govt. Sentencing Memorandum at 5. But the unique facts of this case demonstrate why a probationary sentence would not undermine general deterrence and, in fact, would reinforce an equally important societal interest: encouraging offenders to immediately accept responsibility, confess, and make their victims whole before charges are ever filed.

If, as the government suggests, individuals inclined to commit financial crimes study sentencing outcomes to determine how to act when caught, then the lesson from a custodial sentence here would be troubling. A potential offender could reasonably conclude that there is no meaningful benefit to voluntarily confessing and repaying more than \$1 million before detection or prosecution because imprisonment will follow regardless. Faced with that reality, such a person would be incentivized not to come forward, but instead to conceal assets, deny wrongdoing, and force victims and law enforcement to undertake lengthy and costly efforts to recover stolen funds.

Mr. Murphy chose the opposite course. Before he was charged, he confessed and made full restitution. A sentence of probation under these extraordinary circumstances would still reflect the seriousness of the offense, while also sending a clear and important message that our system recognizes and encourages genuine acceptance of responsibility and extraordinary efforts to repair the harm caused.¹⁵

E. Restitution Before Arrest Supports a Downward Variance

As discussed above, full restitution is rare; restitution paid in full before a defendant is even charged is rarer still. That distinction matters. Such conduct reflects an extraordinary level of

¹⁵ The government, in their Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing, address, as do we, five § 3553(a) factors. They conclude that one factor (seriousness of the offense) “weighs in favor of a guideline sentence.” Government Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing at 5. They conclude that another (general deterrence) “weighs in favor of a custodial sentence.” *Id.* The government concludes in the other three (overall history and circumstances of the defendant, need to avoid unwarranted sentencing disparities, and need to provide restitution) that they do not weigh in favor of a guideline sentence. *Id.* at 6-8.

accountability and should weigh in favor of a variance from the advisory guideline range. The Court may nonetheless be concerned about the potential for disparate treatment—specifically, that crediting restitution at sentencing could appear to favor defendants with greater financial means. While that concern is valid in the abstract, it does not apply to the facts of this case. And we address it now.

This is not a situation in which restitution was paid from surplus wealth or readily available assets. To make the victim whole, the defendant and his parents liquidated long-term investments, depleted retirement savings, and incurred substantial secured debt against a family residence. These measures imposed lasting financial consequences that will affect the defendant for decades, particularly because he has undertaken an obligation to repay his parents in full for their contribution. Courts have long recognized that restitution achieved through significant personal sacrifice constitutes real punishment and meaningful accountability—not a means of avoiding consequences. *See United States v. Kim*, 364 F.3d 1235, 1244 (11th Cir. 2004) (observing that extraordinary restitution involving personal sacrifice may warrant mitigation).¹⁶

The timing of the restitution further underscores its significance. Unlike in *Kim*, Mr. Murphy completed full repayment months before he was contacted by the U.S. Attorney or made aware of any investigation. He acted in the absence of any prosecutorial pressure, leverage, or reasonable expectation of leniency. That fact distinguishes this case in a legally and morally meaningful way.

¹⁶ In *Kim*, the defendants, husband and wife, entered into a scheme (along with two others) to defraud the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) over a period of three years. They defrauded the United States of \$268,237.03. The Kims' share was roughly two-thirds of these fraudulently obtained funds. Yet, as part of their plea agreement they agreed to pay the full amount of restitution and did so by tendering a check for \$50,000 at the time of the plea and \$218, 237.03 on the day of sentencing. They moved for a downward departure under U.S.S.G. § 5K2.0 on the basis of their extraordinary restitution. The district court granted the request and departed downward, sentencing Mrs. Kim to two years' probation, four months of which was to be served in home detention. Likewise, Mr. Kim was sentenced to five years' probation, six months of which was to be served in home detention. The Government appealed, but the Court of Appeals upheld the district court's downward departure.

Both the Sentencing Guidelines and broader sentencing jurisprudence recognize that post-offense conduct—especially efforts to remediate harm—is directly relevant to culpability and character. *See* U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1 comment. n.1(c) (defining acceptance of responsibility to include “voluntary payment of restitution prior to adjudication of guilt”); *Pepper v. United States*, 562 U.S. 476, 491 (2011) (holding that post-offense rehabilitation is relevant to a defendant’s history and characteristics and may demonstrate genuine remorse).

Concerns about economic disparity do not justify disregarding meaningful differences in post-offense conduct. Equal justice does not require identical outcomes across defendants with different financial circumstances; rather, it requires proportional consideration of the harm caused, the harm repaired, and the punishment necessary to satisfy the purposes of sentencing. *See Gall v. United States*, 552 U.S. at 50 (2007). A defendant without the means to make restitution is not punished for that limitation. Conversely, a defendant who restores the full loss at substantial personal cost is not “purchasing” leniency—he is demonstrating accountability in the most concrete way available.

Finally, because full restitution has already been achieved, a custodial sentence would serve little remaining penological purpose. Retribution has been meaningfully advanced through enduring financial loss; deterrence has been accomplished; rehabilitation is better supported through continued lawful employment and structured supervision; and incapacitation is unnecessary in a non-violent case that has been fully remediated. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(2). A non-custodial sentence with appropriate conditions would still constitute meaningful punishment while avoiding unnecessary and inequitable additional harm.

E. Disparity in Sentencing Can Be Achieved by a Sentence of Probation

“Congress’ basic goal in passing the Sentencing Act was to move the sentencing system in the direction of increased uniformity,” *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. at 253. That principle is codified in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(6), which directs courts to avoid unwarranted disparities among “defendants with similar records who have been found guilty of similar conduct.”

The Presentence Report incorporates Judiciary Sentencing Information (JSIN) to assist the Court in applying that mandate. [PSR at 16] The data show that, over the past five fiscal years, 415 defendants shared Mr. Murphy’s Final Offense Level (17) and Criminal History Category (I). Of those, 320 (77%) received some term of imprisonment. Yet even within that group, the sentences imposed were significantly below the advisory guideline range of 24 to 30 months: the average sentence was 15 months, and the median was 16 months.

Equally important, the data show that 95 defendants—nearly one in four (23%)—received no term of imprisonment at all. Put simply, probation is not an outlier for similarly situated defendants; it is a common and accepted outcome. While the JSIN data do not detail the individual circumstances of those 95 defendants, it is reasonable to conclude that few, if any, presented mitigation as compelling as Mr. Murphy’s—particularly his personal history and his full restitution to the victim before any charge was filed.

Against that backdrop, a sentence of probation would be fully consistent with national sentencing practices. It would place Mr. Murphy squarely within the range of outcomes imposed on “defendants with similar records who have been found guilty of similar conduct,” and therefore would comply with 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(6) by avoiding unwarranted disparity.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Murphy's family has implored the Court to exercise leniency and impose a sentence that allows him to remain at liberty—not only so he may continue the good works that have long defined his character, but so he can meet the very real obligations created by his offense. Chief among those obligations is repaying his now at retirement age parents, who incurred substantial debt to ensure that full restitution was made promptly and completely.

A custodial sentence would frustrate, rather than advance, the purposes of sentencing. It would interrupt Mr. Murphy's ability to work, to make amends, and to continue the rehabilitation he has already begun. By contrast, a sentence of probation—with meaningful conditions—will hold him accountable, ensure continued restitution, and allow him to contribute productively to his family and community.

For all of these reasons, and in light of the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), Mr. Murphy respectfully requests that the Court impose a sentence of probation. Such a sentence is sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to achieve the goals of federal sentencing and to do justice in this case.

WHEREFORE based on the foregoing reasons and any others that may appear to the Court, Mr. Murphy respectfully prays that the court sentence him to a three-year period of probation, with the first four months in home detention, condition that probation on his completing 300 hours of community service, and structure through the probation office a condition that he continue to repay his parents for the money they fronted him which allowed him to make restitution in full.

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I hereby certify that on the 14th day of May 2026, I will cause to be electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will then send a notification of such filing (NEF) to all counsel of record. I will also send an unredacted version of the foregoing to: Kondi Kleinman, Esq. Assistant United States Attorney at kondi.kleinman2@usdoj.gov and Katie Freeman, Senior United States Probation Officer at katie_freeman@dcp.uscourts.gov

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EXHIBIT ONE

May 10, 2026

Dear Judge Emmet Sullivan,

My name is Cathy Murphy, and I am Jonas's mom. Jonas is our only child. I write to you with a humble and heavy heart, asking for your compassion as you consider Jonas's sentence. I know that no words can undo what has been done, but I hope to offer you a clearer picture of the young man we raised, the depth of his remorse, and the love and responsibility our family feels as we move forward together.

Our family fully understands the seriousness of Jonas's offense. Jonas does not minimize what he did, nor does he shift blame. He accepts responsibility completely and is profoundly remorseful. He grieves not only the harm he caused financially, but the pain and disappointment he brought upon his office and our family. He knows he has altered the course of his own life and that he must now work harder than most to ever regain the trust of others. He lives daily with that weight.

In July of 2025, Jonas called his dad to tell him what he had done. Tom then called me. The shock and heartbreak of that moment is something I will never forget. We cried in disbelief, struggling to understand how this could have happened. That phone call shattered the peace and confidence we had in Jonas's judgment. What he did was completely out of character for the son we have known for over three decades.

Jonas has always been a goal-oriented young man. From high school onward, he carefully planned his future—his SAT scores, college choices, extracurricular activities, internships, and career path. He understood the limits of our financial resources and worked diligently within them. Securing a federal job in Washington, D.C., with a student loan repayment benefit, was a tremendous achievement for him. His excellent evaluations and promotions reflected that he was on the right path. Jonas is kind, thoughtful, diligent, and well-liked by those who work with him. This is evident in the notes from coworkers that have been shared with Attorney Dale.

He began working full time immediately after graduating from the University of Illinois. In fact, he moved to D.C. just two days after being hospitalized in Pennsylvania for atrial fibrillation. Even his cardiologist could see how excited Jonas was to begin his career. He built friendships at work and outside of it, and we cherished our time together as a family when he visited. Jonas is gentle and present with children, getting down on the floor to play, and he is tender with animals, allowing family dogs to rest in his lap or a friend's cat to sleep in his arms. It was incomprehensible to us that he would deliberately destroy his goals.

Volunteering was a part of Jonas's life growing up. He shoveled snow and watered plants for our neighbors and declined payment when they offered. While he was a member of our church's youth group, he volunteered at our local food pantry. During high school he was in the choir that sang at churches and nursing homes on Sunday mornings. His high school service days were spent visiting area nursing homes and sorting and stocking donated food at local food pantries. During his senior year social issues retreat he volunteered at D.C. Central Kitchen feeding the homeless. During college he participated in a volunteer program that offered financial

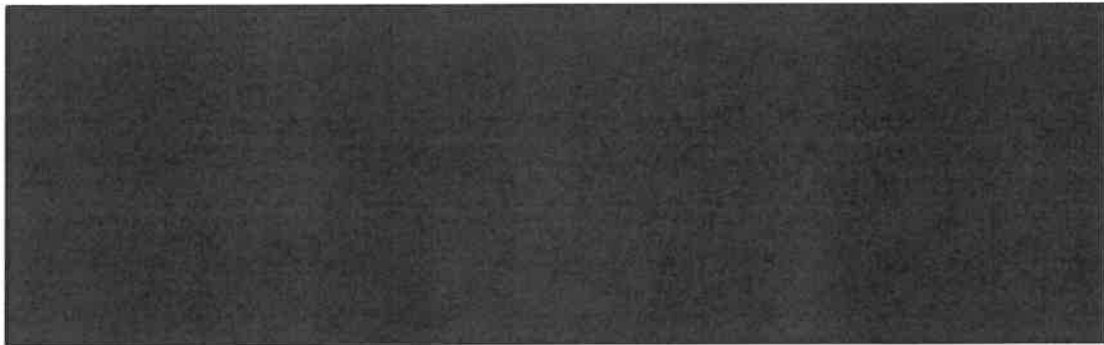
counseling to high school students living in Philadelphia. More recently, he joined four of his co-workers and volunteered at Love INC to help make five-hundred sandwiches and snack bags for the homeless. Currently he volunteers twice a week at the Food Bank of Delaware. He volunteers in the pantry helping people with their groceries. He also helps on the volunteer floor packing Backpack Program bags and other food bank tasks.


As parents, we have had to learn how to find peace in something we cannot fully understand. For us, that peace comes only from God. Tom and I made a commitment to Jonas when we adopted him at three months old, and that commitment has never wavered. Above all else, we love him. We invested thirty-one years into raising him, and we know—deeply—that his worth is greater than the worst mistake he has ever made. We grieve for what he lost, for what he had already accomplished, and for the difficult road ahead. That road will require strength, humility, and support, all of which we are determined to give him. In the midst of uncertainty and heartache, our family is focused on hope and healing.


Jonas's younger life was not without struggles. [REDACTED] old that required him to [REDACTED] which limited his natural movement as a toddler. His surgeries [REDACTED] in any contact sports. Jonas overcame these restrictions. He played the piano, joined the debate club, was an avid reader, and played tennis and rode his dirt bike with his dad. Jonas suffered from [REDACTED] until after college. He experienced some relief when one doctor suggested that a fan be placed in his bedroom to lower his body temperature at night. Jonas [REDACTED] Although he struggled with math, he excelled in his economics and finance courses in college, claiming that he could understand useful math. Jonas has very strong literary skills. Jonas struggled [REDACTED] which affected [REDACTED] He tried many diets and exercise programs with little success. [REDACTED] feel healthier and begin building back his self-esteem.

Jonas did not have a birth mother who was able to protect or nurture him during pregnancy. Her [REDACTED] We were told at the time of his adoption that both of his birth parents had serious [REDACTED] Hospital records indicate that his [REDACTED] Adoption records indicate that his birthfather suffered from [REDACTED] Adoption records also report that both birthparents had [REDACTED] Turning our backs on Jonas when he needed help was never an option—not then, and not now. When this offense came to light, our world shifted instantly. Our priority became getting Jonas the help he so clearly needed. We believed such a dramatic change in his behavior had to indicate a [REDACTED] Tom worked tirelessly to secure an [REDACTED]


The following is my understanding from what Jonas has shared with us about his [REDACTED]



Relating to the subject of abandonment, the information pertaining to Jonas's birthparents was saved and is available for him to read. He has never asked to read it. I believe he has relied on me telling him the story about his adoption over the years. We never gave him more information than what was age appropriate. He now knows the complete story. Jonas has a half-sister. She has the same birthmother but a different birthfather and different adoptive parents. She is twelve years older than Jonas and is Caucasian with blond hair. Jonas saw his sister several times a year since he was three years old and refers to her and her adopted sister as his sisters. Since his sister's marriage and Jonas's move to Washington DC, they see each other less frequently and mostly keep contact by phone. His sister chose to meet their birthmother while she was in college. She also decided to discontinue her visits with her birthmother. She shared all this information with Jonas including a picture of his birthmother. I feel it is important to add that 



I recently reread all the adoption paperwork. I came across the introductory paragraph on the "Birth Family Physical and Personal Profile" report. It states: "Few people realize how much we depend on our families for self-knowledge and self-esteem. Adoptees lack the contact with people who share at least some of their looks, responses and tastes and can end up feeling different, out of place, and uncomfortable with themselves." I confess that I have always felt that Jonas is our son and at times have forgotten that he is adopted and carries the burdens of an adopted child. I also confess that although there have been episodes of prejudice in Jonas's life, I am more apt to remember the sweet housekeeping staff rather than the rude restaurant waiter. I recently asked Jonas if he believed his dad and I would ever abandon him. He replied "no". That is an accomplishment that hopefully will give his life a part of the security that he desires. Recently the lesson I talk to Jonas about is to be honest with people you love about who you are. Be comfortable with yourself because you have much to offer. We are thankful that Jonas is choosing to see a therapist to help him with the overwhelming emotions that have derailed his life. Our hope is that he continues with his therapy as long as necessary.

Simultaneously while helping Jonas find  restitution payments began immediately. To meet those obligations, we no longer own our home and now carry a substantial mortgage at the age of sixty-five. Tom's planned retirement in 2026 has been postponed indefinitely as we work to rebuild our financial security. I share this not for sympathy, but to convey the depth of our commitment to helping Jonas take responsibility for his actions. The cost to our family has been great, and we willingly paid it because we believe Jonas's life has meaning and value. Jonas has promised to repay us over time, but the cost to our

family was not only financial. Our trust in his judgment was deeply shaken, and rebuilding that trust will take effort, forgiveness and continued therapy.

After losing his job in Washington DC, Jonas immediately began searching for work in Delaware even while struggling with [REDACTED]. Knowing our financial strain, he pushed himself forward. Within two weeks, he secured another job at significantly lower pay and accepted it without complaint. While working, he completed a one-hundred-hour Delaware real estate course and passed. Shortly thereafter, he obtained a full-time salaried position with benefits—something almost unheard of in the real estate industry. Beginning in March of 2026, he had employer paid health insurance, for which we were profoundly grateful. Jonas worked seven days a week at two jobs. His real estate position was a full time weekday position that also required weekend hours dedicated to showing and listing homes and staffing open houses. His salary at the real estate office was low but could be supplemented by commission if he sold houses. His second job was working nights at a hotel.

In March, a reporter contacted his boss and he was let go from his real estate job. The reporter had previously contacted Attorney Dale and was not given the information that she desired. Jonas understands that the consequences from his offense will be difficult and goal altering. He understands that he will have to prove himself to his employers. What shocked us the most was that a member of the media would target his livelihood. Jonas needs to work to afford his health insurance premiums and copayments in order to continue his [REDACTED]. Jonas is resilient. After being let go at the real estate office, he immediately contacted his manager at the hotel and asked for more hours. His manager was more than willing to schedule him full time hours.

Every decision Jonas makes is toward gaining back his integrity and reputation as a kind and responsible individual. He had dedicated a lot of time and energy into his new real estate job. He was about to close on his first sale, he had multiple listings and clients that he was helping to either sell or buy a home. He was liked and appreciated by his clients. He saw the job as an opportunity to pay us back at least part of the restitution money with the commissions he would earn from the sale of homes. We all learned quickly that the hard work he pours into a job doesn't matter if people are unwilling to give him a second chance. As his parents, he needs us to trust him, forgive him, support him, offer him helpful guidance and believe he can rise above his worst mistake.

Jonas cashed out his 401(k) to help support our family financially and sold personal belongings to contribute further. The monthly high premiums and copayments for his current health insurance and his current expenses use up a significant portion of his income earned at the hotel. Jonas contributes toward our family's food expenses and he had just begun giving us an additional \$100 from each paycheck when he was let go from his real estate job.

Jonas's ability to work allows him to take responsibility for the financial consequences of his actions, keeps him focused and gives him hope for his future. Living at home allows us to support him daily and to rebuild trust through honesty and accountability. I respectfully ask that you consider a sentence that allows Jonas to remain employed and continue his [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] I am deeply concerned for his safety, and as his mom, I fear what separation would mean for him—and for us.

Despite his anxiety, Jonas can show composure in the face of adversity. However, I have seen him recently brought to tears because of remorse and the reality that accepting responsibility may not be enough. He has cooperated fully with Attorney Dale, Attorney Kleinman, and the court appointed probation services. He has made complete restitution with our help. He is working full time hours at the hotel now but unfortunately they do not offer health insurance. Jonas faithfully attends [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has moved in with us since September 2025 and is helpful and engaged. He is helping us financially as much as he is able at the present time. He is volunteering every week at The Food Bank of Delaware. He has confessed his offense to his extended family and has asked for their support. Everything Jonas is doing reflects genuine repentance and a sincere desire to make amends.

During late 2023 through May 2024, Tom and I were downsizing, packing and selling our Pennsylvania home of twenty seven years and building a smaller retirement home in Delaware. We were stretched thin emotionally and physically. Perhaps we missed warning signs that could have prevented this collapse in Jonas's judgement. Now that Jonas lives with us, we see him every day and are deeply involved in his life. Recently he expressed serious concerns to me about his future. With so much uncertainty, the only thing I could do at that moment was to give him the hug he desperately needed and to urge him to not lose hope and to continue moving in a forward and positive direction. I pray that Jonas's mistake does not lead to the erosion of his spirit and leave him feeling helpless and hopeless in his life. As his mom, for the rest of my life, I will continue to show him that he is loved and his life has value.

With humility, I ask for your mercy. I ask not to excuse Jonas's actions, but to allow our family the chance to continue healing together, to move forward with accountability, and to support a young man who is striving every day to do better.

I listened to the song by Con Funk Shun that you recommended at Jonas's plea hearing, and I was deeply touched. Thank you for recognizing the love we have for our son.

Thank you for your time, your patience, and your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Cathy Murphy
Cathy Murphy (May 11, 2025 16:49:58 EDT)

Cathy Murphy
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Jonas and Cathy (Mom)



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The Honorable Emmet Sullivan,

My name is Morgan Nicolosi, I'm a special education teacher and mom of two little girls. I've known Jonas Murphy his entire life, as he is my younger cousin. I was completely shocked and quite saddened when I heard about the choices he made. Though my love for him never wavered and I immediately wanted to help, I did take a few days to reflect before writing this letter. I was and still am honestly very confused as to how this happened and hope to convey to the best of my ability that the mistake that Jonas has made is not reflective of who he is as a person. Jonas has always been a kind-hearted and loving individual, who I have only known to help and be supportive of others. He's a person who shows up for those around him and always takes genuine interest in the lives of others. As my younger cousin, I have always been proud of him, not for his outward accomplishments, but for the person that he is: the kindness and respect he has always shown to those both younger and older than him; the calmness and love he brings to stressful situations; and the happiness he adds to joyous situations.

I would like to add that while Jonas has kept his personal struggles including those with his [REDACTED] to himself in the past, allowing us in has now opened up a support system to him that he did not have access to in the past. While this situation brings true sadness to those who know and love him, I just know that it will also become the catalyst for Jonas to accept the support he has always so freely given to others and for him to truly have a chance to rebuild his life and the trust others have in him.

I want to respectfully ask that you take into account who Jonas is at his core and not just this mistake he has made. I don't believe that this mistake has to ruin the rest of his life and I ask for your compassion in his case and pray that he is given the chance to continue to grow and rebuild his life.

Sincerely,
Morgan Nicolosi

Cara Champion

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Dear Judge Sullivan,

My name is Cara Champion. I am a Process Engineer with a BS in Chemical Engineering. I have had the pleasure of knowing Jonas through my husband, Luke Brady and met him when I was 21 years old. I am now 31.

I have loved getting to know Jonas over the years at all of the family events, especially holidays and playing games with everyone.

Going to large family events of your significant other's can sometimes be intimidating but it's always easier when there are great people like Jonas around. At these family events, Jonas has always gone out of his way to ask me how I was genuinely doing through college and throughout adulthood after college. He has always been so kind to me and always made me feel included. He was so happy for us at our wedding even though he was dealing with so much on the inside.

I am rooting for Jonas and know that he will pull out of this stronger than he already is. I truly believe that Jonas carries the heavy weight of his decisions everyday. I know that he will own up to his mistakes and make every effort to do better throughout his future. He has a large support system both now, and in the future and I hope that this situation shows him that he can lean on others when he needs to.

I respectfully ask you to please consider leniency when sentencing Jonas and acknowledge him for who he is. He is a kind and genuine person who made a mistake. I know that he will create a positive life for himself and his incredible parents if he gets a second chance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Cara Champion

Luke Brady
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[REDACTED]

Dear Judge Sullivan,

My name is Luke Brady, I am a sr. controls engineer with a BS in chemical engineering. I am writing to you on behalf of my cousin, Jonas Murphy. I have been close with Jonas through every stage of life and would like to testify to his good character and kind nature. I understand the professional, public, and personal trust Jonas has betrayed and the serious nature of it. It is so extraordinarily out of character that I fear I will not be able to properly convey it.

Jonas and I are close enough in age that we graduated High School the same year, and we have spent quite a lot of time together in each stage of life. I am unsure whether to highlight the early memories I have with him, the holiday meals we have shared, or how we have stayed in contact throughout the years as we have grown into adults to emphasize how thoroughly and consistently, I have known him. In my entire life, I have never, ever seen him act with malice towards anyone, nor have I seen him express anything other than genuine consideration and kindness when myself or a family member has sought his guidance.

What is in character is Jonas accepting responsibility for his actions and working to correct them. I fear that this period of Jonas's life has been a heavy and lonely burden for him. I want to assure the court that he has a support system available in myself and extended family who love him and will happily return the support and empathy he has given to us over the years. His parents, my Aunt Cathy and Uncle Tom, are extraordinary people and have been a lifelong, loving refuge for me. Throughout my life, they have been an unwavering source of support and continue to demonstrate to me the unconditional love that I hope to raise my own children in.

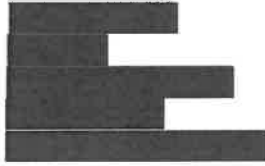
While this situation certainly brings us pain and sadness, I consider myself to be very fortunate to count Jonas among our ranks. I am absolutely confident that Jonas will do everything in his power to overcome his previous decisions and create a better future for himself.

I respectfully ask that you see Jonas for who he is, a good man who has made a mistake and is actively seeking to better himself. Please consider leniency when deciding his sentence to help Jonas move forward with his life in a positive direction.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,
Luke Brady

Rebecca Brady



The Honorable Emmet Sullivan,

My name is Rebecca Brady, and I am an attorney in Washington, DC. I am writing on behalf of my older cousin, Jonas Murphy, who I have known my entire life. However, I do not write to you today out of a sense of familial obligation, but because I know Jonas to be a good, kind person.

In one of my earliest memories of Jonas, my siblings and I were visiting his family. Despite being four years older than me, and likely much more interested in spending time with my siblings who were closer in age to him, Jonas let me pick out games to play with him, without any complaint that they were too young or childish for him. As the youngest cousin, it was so special to me that my older cousin cared about my opinions. Our family plays games together every Thanksgiving, and every year I am reminded of this kindness Jonas showed me when we were children. I have held onto this memory not because it was a unique moment for Jonas, but because it is representative of who he has been from a young age. Jonas has never been anything but kind, compassionate, and caring to everyone around him.

This incident starkly contrasts with the person I know Jonas to be. I understand that he has pled guilty. However, I respectfully request that you take into consideration the person Jonas has been his entire life, and not just the mistake he has made. Jonas is lucky to have incredibly loving and supportive parents, but I want to stress that his support system extends beyond this – my siblings and I care for Jonas like a brother, and along with my parents, we would provide any support he needs.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Brady

Elizabeth Brady

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The Honorable Emmet Sullivan,

My name is Elizabeth Brady and I am a clinical social worker in the state of Pennsylvania. I am writing on behalf of my cousin, Jonas Murphy, who I have known my entire life. Jonas's mother and my father are siblings and, because of this, I have grown up knowing Jonas at every stage of life on a fundamental level. Knowing who Jonas is at his core also gives me the confidence to say that I know him to be a deeply good person.

I know that Jonas has plead guilty to the interstate transportation of stolen property. I am writing this letter to offer context about who Jonas is beyond this case. Jonas is my older cousin by two years which means that we have navigated all phases of life right around the same time. When I sat down to write this letter, I was considering which big, grand story of Jonas's kindness, selflessness, or compassionate nature I should share. Then it hit me, that the thing I most want to convey is that it wasn't ever one grand moment that I saw. It is the way that he shows up every single day as a patient, empathetic, calm human being. Jonas is the person that when you look across the room on family holidays, he's wrapped up in a conversation with our elderly relatives, listening to them complain with the attention and kindness that only a genuine person could give. He's always the first person to ask how others are doing and asks deep and thoughtful questions about everyone around him. He's the only person I have never heard raise their voice when family board games got intense. When we were kids, Jonas was so respectful and well behaved that it was actually something my family (lovingly) teased him about regularly. He was a teenager at the same time I was a teenager and he never, ever hurt my feelings or made me feel badly about myself. I can't emphasize enough how rare I believe it is to have grown up your entire life with someone and not be able to recall a single memory where they were anything but kind.

To learn about this incident not only saddens me, but truly leaves me extremely confused as this is not who Jonas is at his core. I respectfully ask for compassion and leniency with his case. That my cousin be seen and known for his consistent pattern of innate goodness and not for a mistake that he has made while struggling.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Brady

Ryan Brady, Esq.

Dear Judge Sullivan,

My name is Ryan Brady. Jonas Murphy is my cousin. I have known him for his entire life. He has been present at every major family event in our lives from birthdays, weddings, and holidays to funerals along with visiting each other's homes on many occasions.

To say that Jonas's actions which bring him before the Court are out of character for him is an understatement. His conduct in this instance is not reflective of the person I know him to be. Jonas is one of the kindest people I have ever met. As a young man, he was mature and respectful beyond his years. I personally observed his character and kindness in the loving relationship he shared with our late grandparents. Jonas is consistently compassionate and concerned with the feelings of others. From personal experience, whenever I have the opportunity to spend time with Jonas, his first questions will always steer the conversation toward my life and wellbeing. I know others share this experience in their own interactions with Jonas. He has been this way for as long as I can remember. I most recently saw Jonas when I was seated next to him at my brother's wedding and he continued to exhibit his usual kindness and concern for others, despite the personal turmoil that he was dealing with privately.

Knowing him as I do, the revelation of the actions for which Jonas has pled guilty came as a shock. But I know that he is profoundly sorry for and incredibly embarrassed by those actions and I understand that he has sought to take responsibility for the damage he has done. This does not come as a surprise. I can say that even after learning of what he did, I, personally, will continue to trust him implicitly based on 31 years of experience. I am confident in this because I know Jonas beyond these unfortunate decisions. I also know the support network which he has available, including his parents, who I know very well and are of the highest character, and myself and the other members of his extended family, who also love him very much and will continue to support him as he works to make right for his actions.

I respectfully ask the Court to take the above, as well as the statements of the many others that I know will provide you with similar affirmations of Jonas's good character, into consideration and apply leniency at his sentencing.

Thank you for Your Honor's time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ryan Brady

Ryan Brady

To the Honorable Judge Emmet Sullivan,

3-28-26

Contrary to the opening of the letter that Jonas sent to us, this is not a difficult letter for me to write.

For my entire life, Jonas has been a person who I've looked up to in every sense of the term. First academically, as he was a valuable guide for choosing colleges and my area of study. Then professionally, as I've always leaned on him as a resource for connection building, networking, and career pathing. But most of all, my cousin Jonas is someone that I look up to as a person, through and through.

Our family, at first glance, is a traditional Irish Catholic family. Four generations of Murphy's that started in little Plymouth Township, Pennsylvania with aunts, uncles, and cousins in dozens. When you look closer, we have depth and nuance that would surprise you. We stretch across the globe, from Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania to Munich Germany, from Lynchburg Virginia to Kazakhstan. We have Irish, English, German, French, Polish, Lebanese, and African American ancestry across our family tree. We've celebrated a traditional Bavarian wedding, ate lobster on Block Island, and climbed together to the peak of the Alps. But the most meaningful times of my life have come while sitting around the thanksgiving table with our entire extended family. And the best seats were the ones next to Jonas.

Jonas has a perspective that none of us can relate to. He's the only member of our family who was adopted, who doesn't share our pale Irish skin, and the only member of our family who has consistently taken on challenges that most of us cannot fathom. From his work on the campaign trail for New Hampshire state politicians, to his work on Capitol Hill, Jonas has always pushed himself beyond what we previously thought was possible for a Murphy. My brother Liam and I have always admired him for his adaptability as a professional, but most of all have loved him as our cousin, someone who listened with grace and was willing to answer every naive question we had about what he was going to pursue next.

When I heard the news of what Jonas is going through and the mistake he made, I was shocked. When I heard of the effort he is taking to make amends, right the wrongs, and start on the correct path forward, I wasn't. The cooperation he's shown during this difficult time, the strides he is making to mend and heal the relationship with his parents, and the humility he is demonstrating in the face of such serious consequences is not a performance. **It's who Jonas is.** I don't view this as an act of defiance, an abandonment of morality, or a waste of the hard work that he has put in to become the person we know and love. I see this, as I hope you do, as a mistake. An act not of greed, but of passion that clouded his judgement. My father Kevin and I discussed everything that we know about this situation and we both agreed. **We do not feel any different about Jonas than we did before we got the news.** He is still the smart, caring, understanding, and loving person that we look forward to seeing every chance we get.

I beg you, as someone who knows this person and loves him dearly, to do what you can to allow him, his parents, and our entire family to move on. The restitution has been paid, and

the pain of the situation is rippling through our family. Please, allow our family to start the process of healing and moving forward, and give Jonas a chance to start anew, a potential for the future we know he deserves.

Thank you for your time,

Sean Murphy
Sean Murphy (AEC 1 2025 20:44 EDT)

Sean Murphy

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Dear Judge Sullivan,

3-30-2026

I am writing this letter to share my personal perspective on the character and integrity of my nephew, Jonas Murphy. Having known him since the wonderful day that he was adopted by my brother-in-law and sister-in law, I have had the privilege of watching him grow into the intelligent, loving, and compassionate individual he is today.

As long as I have known Jonas he has consistently demonstrated a level of reliability and maturity that stands out. Whether it is through his commitment to his education, his professional responsibilities, or his family, he has always been determined to be present and involved. He is always responsive and never ignores emails or texts wishing him well for birthdays, promotions, graduations or just to say hello.

At the beginning of his life, Jonas faced challenges that most people cannot imagine. Due to his birth mother's drug abuse while pregnant with Jonas, he experienced prenatal substance exposure. He was born with significant health complications that required him to undergo two major back surgeries before he was even two years old. Despite this difficult start, he has shown a remarkable level of resilience and strength.

An example of him helping others is during a family gathering several years ago. My son, his younger cousin, drifted into the deep end of the swimming pool. Before any of the adults had even realized this, Jonas noticed his cousin struggling. Without a moment's hesitation or panic, he swam out, reached his younger cousin, and calmly guided him back to the safety of the shallow end. This quick decision to look out for his smaller, younger cousin is, in my view, shows his strong character.

I am aware of the legal matter currently before the court. Jonas has expressed a deep sense of remorse and a clear understanding of the consequences of his actions. Jonas has been seeking counseling to help him through this. He has a therapist that is helping him tremendously and it would be advantageous for him to continue with this therapist who he trusts. I have no doubt in my mind that Jonas will continue to do the necessary work to get through this and will continue to get stronger and more resilient. Jonas has been maintaining employment as a guest services representative at a hotel in Rehoboth, Delaware since August 2025. He has also been volunteering every week at the Food Bank of Delaware. He helps stock shelves, pack lunches, and walks people through the pantry to shop for their groceries and helps carry their bags to their car.

I know family is very important to Jonas and he is fortunate to be surrounded by such a devoted and caring support system. I am fully committed to standing by him during this period for whatever he needs.

Sincerely,

Lynn Murphy

Lynn Murphy (Age 1, 2025/05/26/26)



3/23/2026

RE: Jonas Murphy sentencing June 30, 2026

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am Michael Brady, Jonas Murphy's uncle, and the brother of his mother Cathy Murphy. I am currently a practicing lawyer in Pennsylvania and have practiced for 38 years. I have known Jonas Murphy his entire life. I recall the excitement in my family the day that the Murphy's brought Jonas home. My sister and brother-in-law were unable to have children of their own and Jonas was an incredible gift in their lives. My sister and I enjoy a close relationship which meant that Jonas would often be at my home where he was loved by myself, my wife and five children. One of my sons is Jonas' age. When our families would get together it was as if no time had passed between our last visits. A visit would not be complete without my sister organizing a game and the ten of us laughing and enjoying each other's company for hours. Jonas, I know enjoyed his time with his cousins and they all looked forward to getting together.

I know that this letter will never adequately express how much our family loves Jonas and how devastated we were when we heard about his recent actions. To all of us Jonas was an incredibly respectful child, and it was always a great day when he would come to our home. I have been over those years in my mind a hundred times trying to remember any sign of his inability to control himself when it came to expressing jealousy or a desire to take anything from my children. He was always sharing whatever he had with my children when he was a boy. I do remember a difficult time as a child that Jonas was having with anxiety. For years he was suffering from difficulty with his sleep experiencing nightmares.

Jonas was educated in Christian schools, and I have clear memories of him telling me that he enjoyed his classes and his classmates. From there he enrolled in college and my sister told me that his experiences at the University of Illinois were very good and he did well in his studies. He then went on to start a successful career working for Pennsylvania Senator Robert Casey. When visiting he would speak of how much he enjoyed working in the Senator's office and all that he was learning about our government. He then went on to the private sector for employment.

Then we learned of the terrible event regarding his theft from his employer. I cannot express to you how unbelievable this news was to myself, wife, and children. Every action that we knew Jonas by prior to this event was as an exceptionally honest, kind, and thoughtful young man. I have been told that he is currently seeking psychiatric treatment but suffers terrible anxiety and regret over what he has done. It is my deepest hope that his treatment will help him discover what caused these unbelievable actions on his part.

Jonas started his life not under the best of circumstances but with the love of my sister and her husband he grew before us as a respectful and fun child. He became a young man that any man would be proud to call his son, including of course myself. Then this devastation happened. He has worked so hard and expressed great character before this event. I know for a fact it is

causing him great depression and anxiety. This anxiety and depression is not for himself. He realizes that he has caused his mom and dad great heartache. He realizes the incredible sacrifice that his parents have made to financially correct his mistake. His remorse is not for himself. I believe that he will move forward in his life carrying the cross of his bad judgement forever. However, I also believe he is the kind of man who will do everything in his power to return to the life he once led prior to this incredible mistake.

I have come to learn that you have spent many successful years on the Bench. I am sure that in all that time having to judge the character of men and women you have developed a sense of when a person appearing before you is actually remorseful for the bad action they have taken. I pray that you will see Jonas's deep regret and see that he has been and will again be the man my family knows will correct his mistake and bring honor to himself. I know that the support of his parents and the seven Brady's will keep him strong and moving toward a successful life where he will contribute as he had done prior to this mistake. My prayers are that you will see the good man that stands before you with the heart and soul which will bring him back to a life that he led previously exhibiting character, honesty, and selflessness. Your leniency in this matter will not be lost on Jonas. He will work for the rest of his life to have earned what mercy you can bestow upon him. Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on Jonas' ability to recover from this terrible mistake with your thoughtful consideration of his future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael A. Brady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael A. Brady, Esquire

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**Tom, Jonas, and Cathy Murphy, Michael & Karen Brady
Thanksgiving 2024**

Dear Judge Emmet Sullivan

3-30-2026

Murphy family gatherings have always been a special event. We've had many holiday get togethers, each one a celebration of family, good food, and holiday spirits. And each person that attends is special, not just because we're all related, but because we get to be ourselves among those with whom we share a history, we get each other, and it's comforting. For me, Jonas has always had a special part in our gatherings, big and small. At each of them, Jonas stands out as someone that always has a huge smile and a genuine curiosity, just waiting to be shared. But unlike some of us, he's not as outgoing or as forward, so he draws you in, in a way that makes you feel special.

He's had that big smile ever since he was little; and he was an adorable baby. Despite the joy he brought to me, our world can be a cruel place, especially for people who look different. Tom and Cathy shared a story once about how the three of them were the target of racism at a church bazaar. The weight of that story, and the reality of life's harshness stuck with me, and made me worry for the little guy ever since. This unfortunate event scarred me, but also deepened my empathy for others, especially for Jonas. And it instilled in me a desire to make sure Jonas never doubted how we felt about him, that he was ours, and we were his, and that we loved him unconditionally, just as he was.

Jonas, like all of us, has had his share of struggles, some of which were completely out of his control, like being adopted. Even though he came into a big family that welcomed him with open arms that hugged him tight, adoption's effects are lifelong and the challenges they present are many. But despite all, Jonas always showed us his desire to achieve, through his educational pursuits and his many interests, always making us proud.

Jonas is now navigating his greatest challenge yet: admitting his mistake, having to say he is sorry, and working to make things right, and he's already begun. Because he is still that genuine loving person, we know it had to be unbelievably hard to share his story and seek the support he deserves, but he did, and we stand by him. He's also shown humility by seeking professional help, a sign of maturity and self-awareness that demonstrates a commitment to personal growth, emotional regulation, and taking responsibility for one's well-being.

The love we all have for him is in these letters, where we've said we understand and it's ok, and that we're here for him, no matter what. Because we know he is still that genuine loving person, because he is still one of us, and we need each other.

Sincerely,

Kevin Murphy

Kevin S. Murphy (Uncle Kevin)





Murphy's Christmas 2025 – Uncle Kevin, Aunt Lynn, Cousins Sean and Liam, and Tom, Cathy, and Jonas

Dear Honorable Judge Sullivan,

3-29-2026

My name is Liam Murphy, and I am a 22-year-old Clinical Research Coordinator living in Haddon Heights, New Jersey. I'm the son of Kevin and Lynn Murphy, and brother to Sean Murphy. I am proud to call Cathy and Thomas Murphy my aunt and uncle, and I am very proud to call Jonas Murphy my cousin. My cousin Jonas is someone I have known my entire life, and have not had one negative experience with. He is someone with a good heart and pure intentions whom I have always looked up to. Jonas has made my life and the lives of everyone around him better due to the man he is.

My father is one of five children, and he is the youngest by nine years. I am the youngest grandchild in my entire extended family, with some of my oldest cousins being in their 40's with multiple children. My family is large, and stretches far across the globe now, but no matter who you talk to, you will be able to see the love and compassion that the members of my family exude, and Jonas is at the top of that list. I believe that Jonas is the best of us, and if I had to choose anyone to represent the Murphy family, he would be my first choice.

My Uncle Tommy is my father's closest relative in age, making Jonas my closest cousin in age. Being the youngest cousin in a large family is a unique experience that sometimes comes with people treating me differently on account of my age...but not Jonas. Despite being almost 10 years my senior, Jonas never treated me differently. He always spoke to me like I was his equal and expressed a genuine interest in what I had going on in my life. When I was little, I used to spend a night or two at my Aunt Jeanne's house (my father's sister) in the summertime with my brother. She has this wonderful backyard and we often still have family gatherings there to this day. One summer day, when my brother and I were young and staying with our Aunt Jeanne, Jonas came by while he was in town to spend time with us. Jonas swam, hung out, and played games with us for hours. At the time, I was no more than 8 years old, and I remember thinking it was such a great time with my cousin. Jonas, being in college at the time, still made time for his little cousins when many other college-age young adults might have been uninterested or thought it would be lame. Jonas made us feel like his peers and to him it was probably not out of the ordinary, but to me it meant the world. He made the effort to spend time with me, and that is something I will never forget. He has continued to make the effort to connect with me over the years and I can only hope I have reciprocated the interest he has shown me.

I assure you that I could tell you many instances similar to this one where Jonas went out of his way to spend time with my brother and me. They say that you do not get to choose your family, and that is true. Though you do get to choose how you treat your family, I can confidently say that Jonas has treated my brother and I like we were not just his family, but his friends.

When I was told of the situation Jonas is in, I was understandably very surprised. I recognize the seriousness of the situation my cousin is in, and I know the profound remorse he feels for his actions. That remorse can be seen from his determination to rectify this situation and learn from it. With the unwavering love and support of his parents, Jonas has been able to

pay the restitution in full and this is a testament not only to his character, but the character of his parents Tom and Cathy as well. This is a time when family support is crucial, and Jonas has a loving village around him to help every step of the way as he begins to try and heal and work towards a better future.

I have known Jonas my entire life and not once have I questioned his character. I feel that Jonas is without a doubt one of the most upstanding and genuine people I know. I only want the best for my cousin Jonas, because he has always wanted the best for me. I do not speak about this topic lightly, and everything I say in regards to my cousin is how I have always felt, whether spoken or unspoken. I implore you to see the loving, caring, and compassionate man that Jonas is, and allow him a chance to move forward, and for this situation to not define what his future could be.

Thank you for your time.

Liam Murphy
Liam Murphy (Mar 21) 700 2 54 8111

Liam Murphy



3/23/2026

RE: Jonas Murphy Sentencing June 30, 2026

Dear Judge Sullivan:

My name is Karen Brady, and I am a registered nurse working in hospice. I am writing to you about my nephew Jonas Murphy. I realize that Jonas made a huge mistake in what he did but that is the opposite of what we have seen his entire life. I've known Jonas since he was adopted at three months old by my sister-in-law and brother-in-law. He has brought nothing but joy to his parents and our whole family until this incident. To say I and my entire family were shocked is an understatement. I don't know nor do I pretend to know what caused this, but I would be surprised if he took a pack of gum. He has always been kind, caring and a genuinely good person. I can't stress this enough. I don't want to take up too much of your time reading this, but this crime is a total aberration of the child and young man I know and love. I and my family will do anything we can to help him, and I know he is getting help and working hard to pay his parents back.

I am asking for leniency in his sentencing so he can get the help he needs and be a contributing member of Society.

Respectfully Yours,

Karen Brady

Karen Brady


Dear Judge Emmet Sullivan,

5/11/2026

My name is Tom Murphy, and I am the proud adoptive Dad of Jonas. Our bond was built on unconditional love and he is and will always be our beloved son. I am writing to express our unwavering support for Jonas and to provide context for your consideration during his sentencing.

From the moment the truth of Jonas' actions crashed down on me, I have been consumed by mental anguish. My heart has been full of conflicting feelings of anger and a sense of betrayal, yet anchored by an unshakeable, fierce love. Through the storm, however, I cling fiercely to the bedrock of my life: the absolute well-being and future of my family. I vow to remain a steadfast, unwavering presence for our only child Jonas as he navigates this frightening break from reality and fights for his recovery. Jonas is courageously [REDACTED] and in turn, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] desperate to learn how to shepherd our family through this ordeal with the utmost care and understanding.

Understanding the seriousness of Jonas' actions

Jonas, Cathy, and I fully understand the seriousness and repercussions of Jonas' poor decision. That is why we are trying our best as a family to reconcile with the affected parties, make a difference in society, and find a work life balance to move forward.

My wife Cathy and I are both 65 years of age and of course this is an unplanned tragedy in our lives. We are not wealthy people financially but we are wealthy in the sense of being a family. My retirement has been delayed for an undetermined amount of time due to the responsibility of a new (30) year home mortgage, debt from paying back restitution, debt from legal fees, and the necessity to build back our retirement funds. Our family understands that as a result of a felony conviction, Jonas' future earning potential is greatly compromised which is evident from his current earnings.

Unconditional Support and Profound Remorse

My wife, Cathy, and I have been entirely devastated by the precarious situation Jonas has caused. I am aware that a letter from a parent may be perceived as biased, but I assure you this sentiment stems from a place of reality and deep pain. Watching our son stand before you at the Plea Hearing was heartbreaking. We do not offer excuses for his actions; they were a serious offense, and he accepts full responsibility. Jonas is wholeheartedly sorry for the pain inflicted upon the NVCA staff, members, the Board, and our family.

Abandonment

Cathy and I decided to have a baby about seven years into our marriage. At that time, we felt we were responsible and mature enough to start and support a family. Due to Cathy's Type 1 diabetes, we knew conceiving a child would be challenging. After our first heartbreaking miscarriage, we easily decided to begin the adoption process. We placed ourselves on a long waiting list with the Catholic Charities Adoption Agency. We endured a second miscarriage on Valentine's Day. When Jonas came into our lives at

three months old, it felt like a divine placement, and we knew he was meant to be our son. Jonas was a blessing, and we officially became a family.

Before adopting Jonas, Cathy and I discussed the potential challenges that might arise: his adoption and abandonment by his birth parents, two Caucasian parents raising a bi-racial child with beautiful dark skin, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the reality of bigotry. We were convinced that our profound love and understanding could overcome all these obstacles. We devoted all our love and support to Jonas over the years. However, this ultimately proved insufficient, as we later realized Jonas was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] While we managed every external situation as it occurred, we were unaware of the internal [REDACTED] When Jonas was old enough to understand, we had to inform Jonas that his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thus, even before his birth, he was destined to confront [REDACTED]

Over the years, I personally witnessed the blatant prejudice directed toward Jonas when we were seen together as a family. In public spaces, such as events, gatherings, hotels, and restaurants, Jonas was often treated separately from us, as if he were not our child. I vividly recall an incident when Jonas, at 20 years old, and I were standing side-by-side to check into a hotel. After I informed the front desk person of our intent to check in, she told Jonas to step out of line and wait his turn. The look on his face was heartbreaking, and I felt immense pity for him. When I explained that he was my son, the person still refused to believe me. The identical thing happened at check out with a different staff member. Growing up in the 90s, Jonas faced numerous situations where he was verbally segregated from us because of the color of his skin.

I often tried to imagine myself in Jonas's place to understand the mental anguish he has endured since birth. Looking back, I see many events in Jonas's life that I may not have been able to handle personally. To put this in perspective, though it may sound minor: when I was young, my siblings used to tease me that I was adopted because I was significantly taller than them. Even though I was deeply loved and knew the teasing wasn't true, I pondered that idea thousands of times over the years. I cannot begin to fathom the mental toll Jonas has experienced, dealing not just with the concept of adoption but with all the other profound issues he inherited.

Significant Other

Jonas disclosed his sexuality to us—he is gay—after admitting to his crime. He had harbored these feelings for many years. Keeping such a secret from family and friends for so long must have resulted in tremendous internal mental struggles and a profound fear of sharing his sexuality.

Despite the challenges Jonas inherited, at age 29, he appears to have found someone who, he says, loves him. This partner came from a wealthy family, leading Jonas to feel pressured to impress him with gifts and trips in the hope of securing the relationship. This compulsive behavior [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jonas created a self-destructive "fantasy [REDACTED]

world" that rapidly spiraled out of control. The more enjoyment he facilitated for his friend and himself, the deeper he fell into this vicious cycle.

Jonas is now on a positive path toward recovery. He has been living with us since September 2025. We personally witness his daily progress and his willingness to improve and serve his community. Between working two different shifts, volunteering, [REDACTED] and maintaining his normal routines, Jonas's life is currently full, which is highly beneficial for his well-being.

Building a Father/Son Bond and Instilling Values

While Jonas was growing up, I prioritized spending time with him doing things we enjoyed so that we could build a strong bond. Jonas and I share fond memories of camping in the wilderness, including a couple of bear encounters where, out of fear, we once had to leave an isolated campsite at 2:00 AM to seek shelter. We also enjoyed trout and bass fishing at local streams and lakes. We were fortunate enough to own two used dirt bikes (motorcycles) and would ride them in the mountains and abandoned coal strip mines of Northeast Pennsylvania, where I grew up. These times were special because Jonas witnessed my humble surroundings that I enjoyed when I was young. Even to this day, Jonas enjoys hiking trips and riding bicycles as a family with Cathy and me.

I have consistently given Jonas examples from my life about honesty, caring for others, and being a good neighbor. In Pennsylvania, during snow storms, Jonas used to help me clear driveways and sidewalks for our neighbors. Sometimes we were rewarded with homemade cookies, but mostly it was a simple and sincere thank you.

Jonas was in our church's Youth Group when I was one of the Group Leaders. I remember Jonas serving many times at the local food pantry, going to nursing homes singing carols during Christmas time, going on retreats for teambuilding and cleaning the campgrounds in preparation for their summer activities, and performing spring cleaning of the church property. These were times that I was fortunate to see Jonas interact with many different people while volunteering to help others.

I recall Jonas receiving a parking ticket while unloading his car to help a friend move. He took care of a friend's dog in D.C. while he was on vacation which require walking, feeding, and playtime. On numerous occasions, he cared for his friend's two kittens while he was in California for months at a time. This showed friendship, commitment, and caring for the animals. Jonas used to send us pictures of the kittens when Jonas arrived home from work and how happy they were to see him.

Jonas accompanied us on many occasions to visit my mother in the nursing home. This was a humbling and profoundly sad experience for all of us. I also remember numerous discussions we had about honesty. One occasion is seared in my mind, where I mistakenly failed to pay for an item at a store. Instinctively I returned to the store to pay for the item. Some store employees thought I was crazy for telling them and made it difficult for me to pay for the overlooked item. It was very important to me that Jonas understood these unusual situations so that he would always do the right thing.

I tried to instill values through actual life experiences. Jonas witnessed my dedication to my job so I could provide for our family. Everything seemed to be going well; Jonas was

showing exemplary progress through college, his career, and developed close relationships with his friends. As you can imagine, the phone call from Jonas a day after his birthday, telling me what he had done, took me completely off-guard. I was devastated and heartbroken in many ways. I could not stop crying for hours. My immediate reaction was to ask if he was alright and how we could help. Then, anger set in as I thought more about his actions. While dealing with these emotions, I contemplated where I failed as a father—where I went wrong, and what I could have done better in raising him. Jonas told me that he didn't know what he would have done without us. This comment terrified me with the thought of losing my son.

Steps Toward Rehabilitation and Restoration

Since moving in with us in Delaware on September 1, 2025, Jonas has made significant, measurable steps toward becoming a responsible and trustworthy young man.

- **Restitution Paid in Full:** The full restitution amount has been paid. This payment has had a considerable financial impact on our family, as Jonas cashed out his \$19,000 401k and sold possessions to contribute to the debt we incurred to make this payment.
- **Full-Time Employment and Contribution:** Jonas immediately sought employment. He was working two jobs—at a hotel and as a licensed Realtor—seven days a week, often logging 70 hours per week. He lost the realtor job when a news reporter called the realtor company for a comment about Jonas' case. This income is used to cover his health insurance, car insurance, living expenses, and to pay down family debt. And this commitment is a very long one. Although my retirement has been put off for another 7 or 8 years, when I am no longer able to work, and with almost all retirement funds used to pay restitution, and now having a mortgage on our home, my wife and I will be where we were 20 years ago financially. Jonas knows this and has promised us that he will continue to work to support us in our retirement at least until he has repaid every cent we used for his restitution. He is sincere and we believe in him.
- **Commitment to [REDACTED]** Jonas is actively engaged in his [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]
- **Family Oversight and Stability:** We are facing this tragedy as a united family. By the time of his sentencing on June 30, 2026, Jonas will have lived with us for three hundred two consecutive nights, benefiting from our continued oversight, support, and love.

Mitigating Factors and History

Jonas has overcome significant challenges since his adoption at three months old on October 31, 1994.



- **Past Achievements:** Despite his challenges, Jonas had a fun childhood and showed independence and responsibility in his academic and professional life. He consistently earned positive evaluations and promotions throughout his career, which included working for a U.S. Representative's campaign, a U.S. Senator, [REDACTED]
- **Perseverance:** Jonas is a miracle to Cathy and me. He has persevered through many obstacles in life. Jonas is biracial (dark skinned) raised by Caucasian parents and recently came out as gay.

His poor decision was made during a two-year period where he desperately sought acceptance, becoming entangled in a relationship and a world of luxury that contrasted sharply with his upbringing. He attempted to sustain this lifestyle through his criminal actions. He recently shared with us on July 14, 2025, one day after his 31st birthday that he is gay. The cumulative burden of being bi-racial, gay, raised by two Caucasian parents, and managing his inherited mental health issues created a difficult life journey that contributed to his vulnerability.

A Plea for Continued Progress

Our goal is to re-establish Jonas as a responsible, trustworthy young man and a productive member of society. A jail term would be catastrophic; it would cause him to immediately lose his job, [REDACTED] stop him from volunteering, extinguishing the positive momentum he has worked so hard to build over the last eleven months.

We are humbly asking you to grant him a chance to get the help he needs, be a productive member of society, and continue the challenging but successful path of redemption he is currently on. We firmly believe that Jonas will heal and become a person of integrity again, and we stand ready to support him through this long road to recovery.

Sincerely,

Tom Murphy
Tom Murphy (May 11, 2026 10:59:28 EDT)

Tom Murphy





Jonas, Cathy, and Tom Murphy
Our biggest joys are when we are outside as a family just hiking and biking.
This is what I call true quality Family time together

EXHIBIT TWO

Dear Judge Sullivan,

I write to you with deep remorse for my actions and the harm I have caused, and with a sincere commitment to taking full responsibility for what I have done. I am truly sorry for the decisions that brought me before the Court and for the impact those decisions have had on others. I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on my conduct, and I fully recognize the seriousness of my actions and the breach of trust they represent. I knowingly took funds that were not mine, and I accept complete accountability for that choice and its consequences.

I violated trust — not just in a general sense, but in a very real and personal way. I think often about the impact on the National Venture Capital Association, the broader venture capital community, and especially my former colleagues. These are people I respected deeply and cared about, and I let them down. I also think constantly about the impact on my family. They have supported me through this process with more patience, understanding, and love than I deserve. My actions caused them pain, significant financial loss, and uncertainty, and that is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

The weight of knowing that I caused harm to people who trusted me, both professionally and personally, is something I take very seriously. It has forced me to confront not only what I did, but who I was at the time I made those decisions.

While I offer no excuse, I want to provide context for how I arrived at such poor judgment. I was adopted at a young age into a deeply loving and supportive family, for which I am incredibly grateful. At the same time, I now recognize that I carried an underlying fear of abandonment from an early age that I never fully addressed or even understood. Growing up, I struggled significantly with self-confidence. I was overweight, often felt unattractive, and spent much of my life believing I did not measure up to others. I frequently felt isolated, and those feelings of insecurity followed me into adulthood in ways I did not fully appreciate at the time.

At 28 years old, I entered my first serious romantic relationship — the first time I felt I had truly fallen in love. I perceived this person as being far “out of my league,” and I became deeply afraid of losing that relationship. I allowed that fear to drive my thinking. I convinced myself that I needed to impress them and maintain their affection through material means — through gifts, travel, and projecting a lifestyle that I could not realistically sustain. Over time, that thinking became increasingly irrational, and instead of confronting it or asking for help, I made a series of deeply wrong decisions.

I want to be very clear: these insecurities and fears may help explain my mindset at the time, but they do not excuse what I did. Many people experience insecurity, loneliness, or fear of abandonment, and they do not commit crimes. I made conscious choices that were wrong, and I take full responsibility for those choices.

Since this incident, I have taken deliberate and sustained steps to understand and address the underlying issues that contributed to my behavior. I have been working consistently with a therapist, and that process has been both difficult and incredibly important. Through therapy, I have begun to better understand the roots of my insecurity, my fear of abandonment, and my

tendency to tie my self-worth to external validation. I have also developed healthier ways to manage anxiety and depression, and to approach relationships with a more grounded and realistic perspective.

This work has been humbling. It has required me to confront parts of myself that I had ignored for years. But it has also given me tools, awareness, and perspective that I did not have before — and that I believe significantly reduce the likelihood of me ever repeating this type of behavior.

In addition to therapy, I have made a conscious effort to reconnect with my values through service to others. I currently volunteer twice a week with the Food Bank of Delaware. I assist with their lunchbox program, where we pack bags of food that are delivered to public school children across Delaware so they have meals over the weekend. Being part of an effort that ensures children do not go hungry has been deeply meaningful to me.

I also volunteer in the food pantry, which is a customer service-oriented environment where I directly assist individuals and families. My responsibilities include greeting neighbors, helping with check-in, supporting them as they move through the pantry, filling carts with food and essential items, stocking shelves, and maintaining the space. The work requires flexibility, patience, and a genuine willingness to help others — qualities I am actively trying to strengthen in myself.

Through this experience, I have had the opportunity to stand alongside people who are deeply committed to serving others without recognition or reward. I have also been able to form genuine, human connections with individuals facing hardship. Even in brief interactions, I have listened to their stories, learned about their challenges and, in small ways, helped make their day a little easier. These moments have had a profound impact on me. They have grounded me, broadened my perspective, and reinforced the importance of empathy, humility, and service.

This experience has also reminded me that a meaningful life is not built on appearances, validation, or material displays — but on integrity, relationships, and contributing positively to others. That is the standard I am now committed to living by.

I understand that rehabilitation is not something that can be claimed lightly. It must be demonstrated over time through consistent actions and sound decision-making. I also understand that trust, once broken, is not easily restored. What I can say with sincerity is that this experience has fundamentally changed how I think, how I make decisions, and how I view my responsibilities to others.

I no longer view relationships, success, or self-worth through the lens that led me to these actions. I have developed a much clearer understanding of my values and a much stronger foundation for making responsible decisions moving forward. I am committed to continuing therapy, continuing my service work, and continuing to hold myself accountable in all aspects of my life.

I also understand the seriousness of this offense and the need for consequences. I do not take this process lightly, and I have immense respect for the Court and the law. At the same time, I

respectfully ask the Court to consider the steps I have taken to address the root causes of my behavior, the insight I have gained, and my commitment to living a law-abiding and constructive life moving forward.

Your Honor, I would be forever grateful for the opportunity to continue proving — through my actions, not just my words — that I have learned from this and that I can contribute positively to my community and to society. I am committed to complying fully with any conditions imposed by the Court and to ensuring that this mistake is never repeated.

I will carry the weight of my actions with me for the rest of my life, but I am determined to ensure that I move forward with integrity, accountability, and a genuine commitment to making a positive impact.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and the opportunity to be heard.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonas Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jonas Murphy

EXHIBIT THREE



< Hours History

View or print your history.

Enter a date range and click "Update" to generate your volunteer history during the selected date range.

View volunteer history and hours from

3/1/2026

to

5/6/2026

Update

TOTAL HOURS

30.5 hours

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Afternoon) - Thursday, **3 hours**
March 5

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Afternoon) - Monday, **3 hours**
March 16

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Evening) - Wednesday, **2 hours**
March 25

MILFORD Healthy Pantry (Mid-Morning) - **2.25 hours**
Thursday, March 26

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Afternoon) - Thursday, **3 hours**
April 2

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning) - Monday, April **3 hours**
6

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning) - Thursday, **3 hours**
April 16

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning) - Monday, April **3 hours**
20

MILFORD Healthy Pantry (Mid-Morning) - **2.25 hours**
Thursday, April 23

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning) - Monday, April **3 hours**
27

MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning) - Monday, May **3 hours**
4

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MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 9 am - 12 pm MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning)	12	13	14 1 pm - 4 pm MILFORD Healthy Pantry (Afternoon)	15	16
17	18 9 am - 12 pm MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning)	19	20	21 11 am - 1:15 pm MILFORD Healthy Pantry (Mid-Morning)	22	23
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JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9 am - 12 pm MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning)	2	3	4 11 am - 1:15 pm MILFORD Healthy Pantry (Mid-Morning)	5	6
7	8 9 am - 12 pm MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 9 am - 12 pm MILFORD Volunteer Room (Morning)	16	17	18 11 am - 1:15 pm MILFORD Healthy Pantry (Mid-Morning)	19	20
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JULY 2026