

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 6, 1988

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a private citizen on behalf of Alan Samson who is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Goldsmith on January 20, 1988.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Samson several years ago when I was an aide to Congressman Duncan Hunter. Mr. Samson played a key role in initiating an investigation and subsequent criminal prosecution of contractors and subcontractors who engaged in fraudulent activities in connection with payrolls on federally-subsidized housing projects. Mr. Samson was tireless in his pursuit of restitution for the victimized employees. The experience had a profound effect on Mr. Samson in that he learned from long, hard experience that for victims of criminal actions there is often little if anything that can be done to make whole the victims' losses. Mr. Samson devoted considerable time and money on behalf of the victimized workers even though he himself stood to gain nothing from the pursuit. The experience seems to have taken its toll from him emotionally, financially and seemed to have played a large part in the demise of his marriage.

At the time of the alleged instant offense, Mr. Samson was in the throes of trying to put back the pieces of his life. The experience with the contractors left him quite demoralized over the justice system and his wife left him with tens of thousands of dollars in debts. From my viewpoint, his frustration was severely compounded when he was arrested over apparently dubious circumstances and forced into a tough legal dispute at a time when he needed to concentrate on putting his life together and moving ahead.

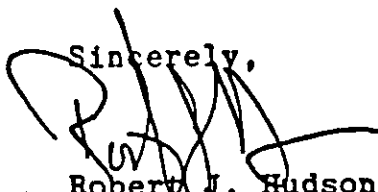
I have worked in government for a long time and from my perspective Mr. Samson is a classic example, and unfortunately one of many I've seen, of people who've been beaten down by the system more than by their actions. Mr. Samson has already paid a heavy penalty for any alleged wrongdoings on his part. He has lost his driver's license and because of that has lost considerable income because he has not been able to do the kind of traveling that is necessitated by his work in the building industry, and as a result of that will likely lose his home.

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Mr. Samson has in the past shown himself to be a productive citizen with an above-average concern for the wellbeing of his fellow humans. To harshly penalize him now for actions for which justice system itself is partly to blame would remove this productive citizen from society and create possibly yet another ward of the state.

I thank you for your consideration of my interest in this matter. If you would require further information from me I am reachable at (619) 557-5257.

Sincerely,



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