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The Honorable Robert W. Gettleman  
The Dirksen Federal Building  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Sentencing of Brian Bodie

Dear Judge Gettleman:

I am writing this letter with the respectful hope that you will consider my thoughts when you sentence Brian Bodie on October 18, 2018.

I have known Brian Bodie since late 2004. I was a lender to Mr. Bodie (as a trustee of a mortgage trust) wherein the trust was in a junior secured position to the Amcore Bank first mortgage. The mortgage trust initially loaned Duke Le Beau, Inc. \$500,000. This swelled to over \$800,000 as the trust attempted to save the Duke Le Beau property from an Amcore foreclosure. Brian signed a personal guaranty as well.

During the period of time where it became apparent that the Duke Le Beau loans were in jeopardy, I made several trips to Chicago in order to ascertain whether there was any hope of repaying both Amcore Bank and the referenced trust. Brian consistently and diligently worked with me in an effort to restructure the transactions to satisfy creditors. I firmly believed (and still do) that Brian was sincere in these efforts – so much so that the mortgage trust advanced several hundred thousand dollars to keep things afloat for a while.

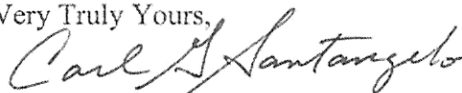
Before the mortgage trust made the initial \$500,000 loan to Duke Le Beau, Inc., I, and others, undertook a due diligent review of various books and records of the borrower. I am convinced that Brian Bodie had no knowledge of Kevin Le Beau's manipulation of the borrower's books and records. Otherwise, I don't think he would have gotten involved in the first place.

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During the time I have known Brian, I believe he has always been truthful with me. I know him to be a loving, caring and exemplary father to his children and a godly man.

I have been practicing law for almost 39 years. After so many years, you meet many people and get a reasonably good feel for judging their character. Unless I'm very wrong, and I don't think I am here, Brian is worth returning to society sooner, rather than later. I realize your duty is to both respect the conviction which the government won in Brian's case and the mitigating factors brought to your attention about Brian and his life. I do not envy your job. Nonetheless, it is my sincere hope that you are lenient with Brian in his sentencing.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl G. Santangelo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Carl G. Santangelo