

August 22, 2022

President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

I am a former federal prisoner who spent time in prison with Ross Ulbricht at USP Florence, Colorado in 2018 and 2019. I was serving a life sentence for a nonviolent marijuana offense and was granted a full commutation in January 2021. I am forever grateful for this second chance and I would really like for my friend Ross to be considered for clemency too.

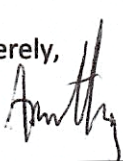
During our time at USP Florence, Ross and I lived in close proximity so I got to know him well. We would look out for each other and we knew we could always count on each other. In prison, it's not easy to find someone you can trust and someone who can lift you up when prison life gets too hard, but I can say that I found these things in Ross.

Ross was a quiet and very respectful prisoner. We were in a tough and challenging environment, but he would do his best to keep his spirits up and he never caused any kind of trouble. I've seen him help others many times and people liked him. I remember that once, even with the pressure from others, he refused to attack another prisoner and he spent months in isolation in the SHU to be protected from retaliation.

Ross meditates every day and he tries to pass on his meditation knowledge to others to help them find peace and comfort. He helped me and the people in our unit stay positive and hopeful no matter how hard the road ahead looked like. Ross is a good person and friend who doesn't deserve life in prison. Instead, I hope he gets to experience all the things we used to talk about when we would let our minds day-dream about the future. I hope he gets to marry his fiancée and become a dad.

I know how difficult it is to serve a life sentence and I hope my and others' letters will compel you to give Ross a second chance.

Sincerely,



Anthony 
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