

Dear Judge Forrest,

I am an inmate at MCC in the same unit as Ross Ulbricht. I've come to know him well in the five months he has been here and I am writing so you may benefit from my knowledge of his character. Ross is genuinely interested in the welfare of others. He is well educated and gives freely of his time to those who wish to benefit from his knowledge. He has tutored students seeking their GED, two others who are working on bachelor degrees by correspondence, and me.

When he was helping one prisoner with math in the common area, I mentioned that I wanted to learn physics some day. He heard and told me he'd be happy to tutor me. That same day, he lent me his physics textbook and we had our first lesson. It has been challenging to absorb the material, but Ross helps fill in the gaps and patiently explains the concepts to me. He is attentive and enthusiastic and makes it fun to learn. Every time we sit down for a lesson, I am eager to move forward and make productive use of my time in prison.

The more I get to know Ross, the more sad I become knowing he faces so much time. I sincerely believe everyone deserves a second chance and I hope you will find it wise to give Ross one at sentencing.

Sincerely,



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