

To the President of the United States,

I am an Air Force veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I am writing to recommend my friend Ross Ulbricht for Clemency. I am currently imprisoned with Ross. In fact, we share a cell, so I know him well.

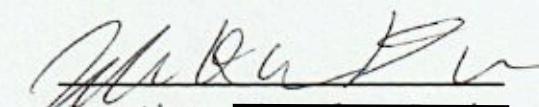
I met Ross at a difficult point in my life. Not only was I imprisoned, but I was still struggling with the kinds of behaviors that got me here. I was using drugs regularly, and getting into fights. Ross helped me get my life back on track. He saw potential in me where others had given up. He taught me how to meditate and through that practice and our discussions, I was able to see that I needed to change or I would keep repeating the same mistakes.

Since then I've been completely sober and have avoided all conflict. I will be released back into society in two short years. Because of Ross' friendship and influence, I can see what a waste it would be to come back to prison, and I finally feel I have the strength to succeed in my second chance at freedom.

However, I am heartbroken that Ross will never get that chance for himself. I firmly believe that if I get a second chance, someone of Ross' character, and his dedication to helping others meet their full potential, deserves a second chance too.

Living next to Ross day after day for years, I know he is not a danger to society. On the contrary, he would be a huge asset to us as a free man. Please consider giving this intelligent and motivated individual the second chance he deserves.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan [REDACTED]