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The Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

**BY ECF**

Re: United States v. Timothy McCormack  
1:24-cr- 490 (LDH)  
Sentencing Memorandum  
Sentencing Date: January 21, 2026

Your Honor:

I respectfully submit this letter on behalf of Timothy McCormack to be considered by Your Honor in conjunction with his sentence. The instant letter/memorandum addresses sentencing issues, which we believe are worthy of the Court's attention.

Mr. McCormack is prepared for sentence. On January 16, 2025, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, Timothy pleaded guilty to the to a one-count information charging conspiracy to commit wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 (see ECF No. 64.) The Court accepted the defendant's guilty plea on February 19, 2025. Timothy admitted he, along with others, conspired to and did place wagers with "Betting Companies" relating to National Basketball Association ("NBA") games based on material, non-public information. More specifically, he admitted he and others placed wagers relating to those games or to certain players' performances in those games, based upon non-public information making the outcome much more likely than the general public and "Betting Companies" would have reason to believe. Timothy admitted to actually placing these wagers through the Betting Companies on NBA games in March 2023, January 2024 and March 2024. The PSR calculates a Guidelines range of 41 to 51 months' imprisonment, as also stipulated in the plea agreement, and recognizes Timothy's severe gambling addiction as a contributor to the instant offense and

mitigating factor for this Honorable Court to consider at sentencing (see October 24, 2025 Presentence Investigation Report (“PSR”) ¶ 128).

### ***Objections to the PSR***

1. On behalf of Mr. McCormack, there are no objections offered to the Presentence report.

### ***Background and Circumstances***

It is vital to understand that Timothy is much more than the charge would imply. Importantly, while the Timothy fully accepts responsibility for his participation the conspiracy to place fraudulent wagers relating to National Basketball Association (“NBA”) games based on material, non-public information relating to those games or to certain players’ performances in those games, the Government concedes Timothy was “not the primary architect or leader of the fraudulent scheme” (see November 21, 2025 Government’s sentencing letter, pg. 6). The Government also acknowledges Timothy never worked “directly with Porter to plan and orchestrate his rigged performances” (see November 21, 2025 Government’s sentencing letter, pg. 6). The Government’s investigation revealed Timothy “largely took direction from his co-conspirators” and was, in essence, chosen by them because he “was a longtime bettor, he had high betting limits and was able to place large wagers” (see November 21, 2025 Government’s sentencing letter, pg. 6). His severe gambling addiction, high betting limit capacity and need to fuel/fund his addiction made Timothy the perfect person to recruit by his co-conspirators.

Additionally, Timothy has no prior criminal history or involvement in the criminal justice system. While it is conceded this case involves the potential loss of a significant amount of money, Timothy was not the individual who was to make the lion’s share of the proceeds. Not meant in anyway to minimize his conduct, but it must be noted that Timothy’s involvement was based upon the need to feed his extreme and debilitating gambling addiction. He was provided money from the co-conspirators to place on bets based upon the information they provided to him, and he did so because it provided him a two fold benefit: 1) he was able to fuel the intense internal gambling urges by “being in the game” of gambling and 2) he was able to keep a portion of some of the proceeds of the bets he placed on his accounts which enabled him to keep on betting his own unrelated bets.

Instead of having to beg his friends for money to make bets he couldn’t afford, this offered another avenue to support his addiction. Timothy, bet every day all day and night. It was his life and it consumed him. His co-conspirators knew it and often “lent” him money to bet. When this scheme came to light, he was the perfect person to recruit and he didn’t turn it down. He, unwisely like most addicts do, saw it as an opportunity to feed his addiction. This is exemplified by the very conduct on March 20, 2024. After placing the bets with the money he was given by the co-conspirators while in Atlantic City and winning, Timothy took the wining proceeds and lost it all at the Blackjack table

in approximately fifteen (15) minutes. That exemplifies the nature of his addiction and how bad it was. As the Government correctly states, "For his role in the scheme, the defendant directly profited at least \$51,294, as reflected in the Court's previously-entered Order of Forfeiture" (see November 21, 2025 Government's sentencing letter, pg. 6), and yet, Timothy has actually nothing to show for it except for the shame and embarrassment he has brought upon himself and his loving family.

Again, Timothy is not a long-standing criminal, but rather a loving family man, husband, father and friend. He could never fathom that he would be caught up in a bigger situation than he cognitively comprehended at the time. While Timothy takes full responsibility for his actions leading up to this arrest and his subsequent plea of guilty, we respectfully implore Your Honor to consider the facts and circumstances surrounding Timothy, including the nature of his role in this activity. Timothy's involvement was that of a gambling addict who made very poor choices to fuel his addiction. He truly was unaware of the actual and dire consequences of his actions at the time and his subsequent actions leading to his arrest for being involved in the wagering on three NBA games.

Timothy fell into the same trap as many before him thinking he could make a couple dollars quickly and his willingness to help others interfered with him actually doing what he should have done - not participate in the scheme. He pleaded guilty to the instant offense as he recognizes his decisions were so wrong. In his gambling addicted mind, he incorrectly failed to recognize the extent of harm caused by trying to recoup some money back in this manner from the big "Betting Companies" who have taken so much of his money and others and who thrive on gambling addictions. After all, since the federal legalization of gambling, there isn't a place or a game someone can go where betting isn't advertised or solicited by the "Betting Companies." He didn't make a large sum of money from his actions and actually lost money.

Obviously, the allure of making a quick buck didn't pay off and he recognizes now that there are no short-cuts in life and that nothing can replace hard work. Simply put, he made very poor choices, as many do, getting involved in this activity and then deleting emails afterward to try and conceal the behavior when asked to do so. The Presentence Report accurately depicts the personal life of Timothy. He is a husband, father, a son, a brother and a friend to many. Much more than the gambling addicted foolish man who got involved in this type of activity. He has learned much since then and most importantly suffered immensely by the embarrassment of this arrest and facing the loss of his liberty. His name and face have been broadcast internationally. But, the international attention should not dictate a more harsh consequence for Timothy, a first time non-violent offender.

In making these statements, we are not denying Timothy's responsibility for his actions. He engaged in conduct that was clearly wrong. He knows it and he accepted responsibility for it. However, Timothy never envisioned that he would be in this type of situation as he is now, facing incarceration in the federal judicial system. Normally, the federal system and federal resources are reserved for those involved in the most serious criminal activity and at the highest levels. Not as an excuse, but Timothy would never

have envisioned that there would be an arrest and prosecution in the federal criminal justice system for this type of activity, as he perceived his involvement to be. Normally, the highest level operatives in criminal activity and most heavily involved leaders are prosecuted federally and the low level offenses are prosecuted in the state system to preserve the resources of the federal system and to avoid the stiff penalties from being imposed upon those with minor roles. But with his addiction fueling his behavior, he didn't even think that far ahead. He was just looking for his next way to make a bet.

Timothy has learned a lot from this experience. He never envisioned himself with the possibility of heading into a federal correctional institution. Any period of incarceration is difficult to say the least. However, incarceration under the present times is much harsher since the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to this impending significant period of confinement, he never fully understood the blessings he had and the seriousness of consequences for poor choices. I guess in an odd way, the fear he faced when he realized he could be in prison for resulted in Timothy's maturing beyond making decisions for the short-term. He realized he may soon be separated from the normalcy of life, the freedom of liberty, the ability to have access to the outside world and the ability to be with loved ones. He finally realized that he has self worth and as the Pre-sentence report details he has great potential for law abiding behavior, a strong family support structure, and a desire to never again engage in illegal activity. He has been engaged in treatment for his gambling addiction, he has engaged in marital counseling, he has stopped smoking marijuana, he is employed and works finding housing for homeless persons, and he is the primary caregiver for his young son. Timothy has vowed to me that he will never be so stupid again.

While I in no way intend to diminish Timothy's responsibility, I felt it was noteworthy above to point out how he became involved in this activity and his overall role. Imagine his surprise when confronted by the federal agents. When the agents approached, the agents seized his cellular telephone and told him he needs to make a choice between him and his family. It took Timothy months to come the realization that this was not just a bad dream and that this was really happening. He soon learned, after it was explained to him, the dire circumstances upon which he found himself. This was the "BIG EYE OPENER" for Timothy and he has vowed to learn from this and never repeat this path. Contemplating the time he may be confined has taught him the value of life, family and leading a law-abiding life. Given all the work he has done since his arrest: treatment twice a week at Bridges Back to Life; bi-weekly couples therapy with his wife; employment visiting homeless shelters and elsewhere to provide housing for homeless individuals/families; and being the primary caregiver for his young son has demonstrated he has chosen his family. As detailed in the letters in support, taking Timothy away from his family under these circumstances would do a greater harm than allowing him to continue his path and new journey free of addiction. It would akin to putting stumbling blocks before the blind.

As Timothy has explained, he knew what he was doing at the time of his offense was wrong but he never grasped the consequences of his poor choices. We do not wish to highlight this point to in any way to suggest that he did not know what he was doing

was wrong. Timothy certainly knew unequivocally that what he was doing was against the law. We truly recognize that. However, it cannot be overlooked that before this Honorable Court is a man who with no prior criminal history, was addicted to gambling and recruited/used by his co-conspirators to engage in and commit these crimes. A man who recognized his mistakes and has changed his life subsequent to his arrest; who engaged in treatment; and who has been successful in addressing to defeat his demons. Timothy is man who has strong family support, a very bright future free of addiction, a son dependent upon him, and a bright future.

### *Acceptance of Responsibility*

Timothy has accepted full responsibility for his actions in this matter. From the very first contact he had with the agents regarding his involvement in the activity for which he later pled guilty, Timothy has not denied his wrongs and took full responsibility for his actions. He stands before Your Honor ready to accept his sentence just as he accepted his responsibility in the matter for which he stands before you.

Additionally, Timothy has stated that he would like to apologize to his family, his wife, his friends, the victims and society who may have lost faith in the integrity of sporting matches. He made a mistake that he regrets and has indicated that he will be a successful person when given the opportunity. He stated he is strong, free of all negative thoughts, passionate, wants to focus on being productive and most importantly wants to make everyone proud of him. He wants to move past this terrible mistake and move forward with being a productive member of society.

### *Letters of Recommendation*

In an effort to demonstrate the true character of Timothy beyond the charges for which he pled guilty, attached as an Exhibit are nine letters attesting to his good nature, care for others, family devotion, acceptance of responsibility and sincere kindness.

As Your Honor will read, the common theme of these letters is that Timothy cares more about others than he does about himself. In a world where it is the norm for people to put themselves before others, Timothy stands apart. Your Honor will read about Timothy's selflessness and charitable nature and how he is always willing to lend a helping hand to those who are in need.

The man who stands before you is a man who has made poor choices in his past but who is a good man who has finally matured. In a way, this arrest was a blessing for him. It was the "eye opener" that has caused him to mature and realize the criminal activity has only one result – incarceration. I submit to Your Honor that the same man that the people speak of in the letters attached hereto is the man that is prepared to stand before Your Honor for sentence. He is a shy, humble man who has had no prior involvement with the criminal justice system and who has matured, tackled his addiction



and endeavors to make this wrong turn into a future law abiding journey through a life filled with hard work, love, generosity and care for others.

***Timothy McCormack should be sentence to probation or home confinement***

Before this Court imposes sentence it is required to consider the factors set forth in Title 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). *Booker and Crosby*, supra. The relevant factors are:

- (1) the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and characteristics of the defendant;
- (2) the need for sentence imposed—
  - (A) to reflect the seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment for the offense;
  - (B) to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct;
  - (C) to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant; and
  - (D) to provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner;
- (3) the kinds of sentences available;
- (4) the kinds of sentence and the sentencing range established for . . . the applicable category of offense committed by the applicable category of defendant as set forth in the guidelines.

When imposing sentence, under these factors, courts are instructed to impose a sentence that is “sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to comply with the purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this subsection.” *Id.*

Sentencing Timothy McCormack to a sentence of probation or home confinement is “sufficient . . . to comply with the purpose set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553.” As mentioned previously, and as stated more fully in the attached letters of support, Timothy is a kind hearted, caring, giving family man and friend to all. This arrest petrified him and he has learned so much from it. He recognizes his wrongs and understands what impact his actions have had on the community. He is determined to live a law-abiding life and simply wants to go to an everyday routine of working hard and supporting himself and helping his family. That is all he knows he wants to do and he wants to do it lawfully. He has never been exposed to the severity of the federal criminal justice system, or any other criminal justice system, and this experience has been a life changer for him.

As stated by Justice Sotomayor recently in *Pepper v. U.S.* (131 S.Ct.1229): “This court has long recognized that sentencing judges “exercise a wide discretion” in the types of evidence they may consider when imposing sentence and that “[h]ighly relevant- if not essential-to [the] selection of an appropriate sentence is the possession of the fullest information possible concerning the defendant’s life and characteristics.” *Williams v.*

*New York*, 337 U.S. 241, 246-247, 69 S. Ct. 1079 93 L. Ed 1337 (1949). Congress modified this principle at 18 U.S. C. § 3661m which provides that “no limitation shall be placed on the information” a sentencing court may consider “concerning the [defendant’s] background, character and conduct,” and at 3552(a), which sets forth certain factors that sentencing courts must consider, including “the history and characteristics of the defendant,” §3553(a)(1).

“It has been uniform and constant in the federal judicial tradition for the sentencing judge to consider every convicted person as an individual and every case as a unique study in the human failings that sometimes mitigate, sometimes magnify, the crime and the punishment to ensure” *Koon v. United States*, 518 U.S. 81, 113, 116 S. Ct 2035, 135 L. Ed.2d 393 (1996). Underlying this tradition is the principle that “the punishment should fit the offender and not merely the crime.” *Williams*, 337 U.S. at 247 69 S. Ct. 1079.

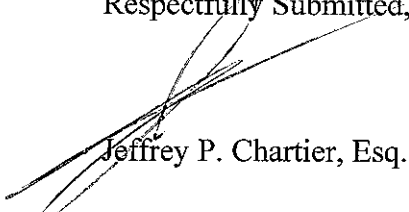
“In particular, we have emphasized that “[h]ighly relevant-if not essential- to [the] selection of an appropriate sentence is the possession of the fullest information possible concerning the defendant’s life and characteristics.” *Williams* 337 U.S. at 246, 69 S Ct. 1079. Permitting sentencing courts to consider the widest possible breadth of information about a defendant “ensures that the punishment will suit not merely the offense but the individual defendant.” *Wasman v. United States*, 468 U.S. 559, 564, 104 S Ct. 3217, 82 L. Ed. 2d 424 (1984).

“In determining the sentence to impose within the guideline range, or whether a departure from the guidelines is warranted, the court may consider, *without limitation*, any information concerning the background, character and conduct of the defendant, unless otherwise prohibited by law.” *See 18 U.S.C. §3661.* USSG § 1B1.4 (2010).

In determining the appropriate sentence, it is important to note that the offense is non-violent and was driven by Timothy’s gambling addiction. Timothy was “not the primary architect or leader of the fraudulent scheme” (see November 21, 2025 Government’s sentencing letter, pg. 6). Timothy never worked “directly with Porter to plan and orchestrate his rigged performances” (see November 21, 2025 Government’s sentencing letter, pg. 6). Timothy “largely took direction from his co-conspirators” and was, in essence, chosen by them because he “was a longtime bettor, he had high betting limits and was able to place large wagers” (see November 21, 2025 Government’s sentencing letter, pg. 6). He was not a professional athlete who sacrificed his integrity and loyalty to the game, teammates and sports fans. As detailed in the letters of support, Timothy is involved in helping the homeless. He would help a blind person in need of assistance. He would show kindness and support to others without regard to himself. He was extremely foolish and sending Timothy to prison would be counterproductive as he can do so much more good for society remaining in the community, as detailed in the letters of support from such a wide range of respected members of the community and loved-ones.

We recognize that the Court must impose sentence. However, given all of the factors that the Court will consider, we respectfully ask this Court to impose a sentence consisting of probation or home confinement.

Respectfully Submitted,



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January 5, 2026

Re: Timothy McCormack

To The Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my youngest brother, Timothy McCormack. My name is Patricia Robertsen, I was twelve years old when Tim was born. Being the eldest in the family I had the privilege of welcoming all of my younger siblings home from the hospital after birth. Tim, being the youngest, was even more special for me. My mother was quite ill and had a long recovery after Tim's birth. I took on a larger role in his care for his first few months of life while my mother recovered.

Tim was always a happy go lucky kid, playful and silly, who went along with the crowd. Being the youngest in a large family, these character traits served him well. Everyone was always happy to have him around as he brought fun and laughter to day to day life.

While going along with the crowd probably played a large role in his, for lack of a better word, survival in the family, it was a detriment to him as he grew older which is why we are here.

As myself and my siblings took a more traditional route through life, going to college and securing various professions, Tim had dreams of becoming an actor. My parents tirelessly tried to guide him into a similar path as their other children but Tim had other plans. He joined the Screen Actors Guild and took acting classes. To fund these classes and to give him the time during the daytime hours he worked as a DJ at a bar on the Upper East Side where he met his wife, Alana.

At some point during this time Tim became involved with some associates whom I can only guess promised him easy money and he unfortunately went along with them which again is why we are here.

As I have watched Tim go through life as this happy go lucky kid I can honestly say I have never seen a kinder, more gentle person and this has never been more prevalent as I watch him raise his son Ronan. Tim has assumed the role of main caregiver for Ronan as his wife, Alana, works traditional full time hours. Alana is a wonderful mother and Ronan loves her very much but there is a special bond between Tim and Ronan. The words "my dad" roll off Ronan's lips probably a hundred times a day. He is a very sweet, lovable, and sensitive boy.

This is where I will insert my expertise and strongly ask for your leniency in Tim's case.

I have spent my entire career working in Early Childhood Education within the inner city of New York City as a Pre-K teacher, a teacher in the LYFE program (a program for teen parents within NYC public high schools), and now as a Pre-K for All director. Throughout my career I have seen the effect of children being exposed to an ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences), within the top ten on the list is a household member being incarcerated. Two in particular cases that I have worked closely with and followed throughout their growth and development have been devastating. In both cases, each child's mother (the children's main caregiver) had been incarcerated. Their behaviors immediately after the ACE followed similar patterns of anger, rage, and oppositional defiance. The children are now ten and twelve years old and it is clear the damage this has caused. As I write this letter on the eve of Ronan's sixth birthday, I ask for your mercy on Tim in this case as it would break my heart to have Ronan experience this childhood trauma that would have lifelong consequences for him and our family.

I can assure you that our family is here to support Tim and to ensure that he becomes the person that Ronan is proud to call "my dad".

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and take into consideration my plea on Tim's behalf.

Sincerely,

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January 4, 2026

Re: Timothy McCormack

To The Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall,

I am Timothy McCormack's oldest brother, ten years older than him, and I have spent my entire life watching the kind of person and man he is. Tim has always been the one who showed up. He never missed a family gathering and was always present when someone needed support, encouragement, or simply a familiar face.

As a child, Tim was joyful, kind, and full of hope for his future. He spoke often about his dreams of acting, and I admired his courage to pursue something he truly loved. Even as adults, I cherish our conversations about his work and the excitement he felt for each new role. That passion reflects the heart of who Tim is, someone who believes in working hard and striving for something better.

Above all else, Tim is a devoted father. The bond between him and his son, Ronan, is incredibly strong and deeply moving. Ronan depends on Tim for everything, waking up each morning, getting ready for the day, and being tucked into bed at night. Tim is not just present; he is essential to his son's sense of safety, stability, and love. Ronan needs his father in his life every single day.

Tim has made a serious mistake, and he has accepted responsibility for it. This experience has shaken him to his core. The fear of being separated from his wife and son has deeply affected him and forced him to confront the consequences of his actions in a way I have never seen before.

I respectfully ask that you consider the man Tim is beyond this mistake, a loving husband, a devoted father, and a brother who has always put his family first. He is genuinely remorseful and understands what is at stake. Tim is a good man who still has so much to give, especially to his son who depends on him so deeply.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

James McCormack

Alana McCormack

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12/21/2025

Re: Timothy McCormack

To The Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall,

I, Alana McCormack, am writing on behalf of my long term partner, Timothy McCormack. We have been together for 16 years and married in 2018. Our immediate family includes our six year old son, Ronan, and our nine year old English Bulldog, Louie, both of whom are the center of our lives.

Before I speak about Tim, I want you to know this situation has devastated me and I do not take this lightly. I understand the severity of this crime and I am heartbroken this case is a part of our lives. I am going to try my best to convey myself professionally but also speak from my heart.

Tim is a kind, generous, charismatic, and loyal human. He comes from the best (and very large) family, who have been pivotal in our lives. Tim is also the best father I've ever witnessed, hands down. Everyone who bears witness to Tim and Ronan's relationship can attest to how strong their bond is, and how loving and involved Tim is as a parent.

To shed light, in December of 2023, shortly before Tim became involved in this crime, we lost another son when I was in my 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester. This came after years of infertility and one round of IVF that was incredibly financially and emotionally stressful. I know this loss profoundly affected Tim, and I do believe grief and the financial strain was a factor in why he acted out of character.

With reflection and perspective, I now understand Tim has struggled with a gambling addiction for the entirety of our relationship. I didn't realize the magnitude until this case. Since his indictment, Tim now acknowledges his gambling addiction, has actively been participating in addiction treatment weekly, and has been putting in the effort towards

making positive changes for himself and for our family. We also see a couple's therapist bi-weekly to help navigate this painful situation.

Currently, Tim is Ronan's primary caregiver. He gets him ready for school, does school drop off and pick up 5 days per week, feeds him most of his meals, prepares his school snacks, bathes him, takes him to his swimming classes on Sundays, attends school functions, and takes him to all of his friends' birthday parties. Ronan's friends love Tim, as do all our 15 nieces and nephews. He's funny, caring, loving, well mannered, and is truly a good human at his core. A specific example that speaks to Tim's character is a day when I heard him on the phone helping a person navigate finding his Amazon package. He hadn't shared with me, but he signed up for an app, Be My Eyes, to help visually impaired people with challenging tasks. That day moved me; however, it didn't surprise me. Tim is the person who holds the door for everyone, offers to carry strollers up and down the subway platform for mom's who appear to be struggling, and a person who is working towards becoming a solid role model for his son.

I have worked diligently in my career as a full time medical social worker since 2008. I work Sunday through Thursday (9-5pm) and lack the flexibility to be the primary caregiver to our son. I try my best to be the primary provider for our family, help pay our bills, and ensure all of us have health insurance. I truly love my career and would be devastated to have to give it up. Tim not being around, plus not having a secondary income, would ultimately uproot my and Ronan's lives.

Ronan is kind, sensitive, funny, well rounded, and happy. He is our one shot at parenthood, and we want to do this as best as we can. His dad is his best friend and caregiver. Ronan knows nothing about this case and we hope to keep it that way until he has the maturity to understand. I owe this to our son to convey to you how much Tim does for Ronan and to request for as much harm reduction as possible for the sake of our family.

Respectfully,

Alana McCormack

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12/24/2025

Re: Timothy McCormack

To The Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall,

We write this letter with deep humility and respect for the Court, and with heavy but hopeful hearts. We are Timothy McCormack's in-laws and wish to share our perspective as people who know him well, not as a defendant before the Court but as a son, a husband, a father and a human being who is profoundly remorseful for the mistake that brought him here.

It is imperative for us to express the parenting role Timothy holds. He is the primary caregiver of his, soon to be, six year old son. Each day Timothy takes and picks Ronan up from school and takes him to all extra- curricular activities. Timothy feeds Ronan, bathes him, reads to him and provides the steady loving presence that a young child depends on for security and emotional growth. Ronan is at an age where stability, routine and parental attachments are absolutely critical.

When Timothy is not caring for his son, he works helping homeless individuals find housing, including assisting people through the Section 8 Housing process. Even while going through his own situation, he has dedicated his time and energy to helping others find stability and dignity. This work reflects the good in his character and his desire to make positive contributions to the community.

Timothy has also taken meaningful steps towards accountability and change. He is actively in treatment and attends counseling to address the root causes of his behavior. He and our daughter are also seeing a marriage counselor, committed to rebuilding



trust and strengthening their family. Our daughter, who works  
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as a Medical Social Worker, is doing everything she can to  
support her family. The emotional and practical strain has  
already been immense.

We respectfully ask the Court to consider leniency and allow  
Timothy to continue his treatments, remain present for his  
family, continue working and contribute to society. We truly  
believe that Timothy should not be defined by this mistake, but  
rather by the lessons learned from it.

Respectfully,

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Re: Timothy McCormack

To: The Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall,

Mr. McCormack has been employed by our management company, USA Management, for 13 months now. We work with homeless shelters and various voucher programs all over the five boroughs of New York. He has been a large asset to this company in such a short period. He has been extremely responsible and reliable in our daily operations. Mr. McCormack has shown his compassion and willingness to help house the homeless community of New York. He is doing great things for the community, such as getting people and families out of shelters into their own space and back on their feet. We understand the seriousness of the situation stemming from his gambling addiction and do not take these charges lightly, however with hard work, dedication and staying busy we believe he has major potential to change. We would like to respectfully request as much leniency as possible at sentencing so he can continue to do the important work he has been doing for his community.

Respectfully,

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1/7/2026

Re: Timothy McCormack

To The Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall,

I am happy to write this letter for Timothy McCormack. While I am currently assigned to the church in Far Rockaway, I have been associated with the Sisters of Mercy of Brooklyn for the past 30 years. Timmy's mother is administrator for the convent, and we therefore became friends many years ago. I've been a part of the family, and of course Tim's ups and downs, through the years.

Tim McCormack is an amazing young man. While there's no denying the gravity of his mistakes, I'm grateful for his serious 'conversion' and rehabilitation.

My good friend, Fr. Paul – who died too young- was the parish priest when Tim was a boy. Tim was an altar boy as well as a member of the children's choir. Fr. Paul talked about Tim all the time. His memories of Tim were just the best. Tim had a solid education in our Catholic values. I truly believe that his close and personal connection to our Church family instilled in him the values that would see him through the crises of life.

I am a personal witness to Tim's commitment. With a deep conviction that, with God's help, anything is possible, Tim has turned his back on the dark past. There isn't anything he wouldn't do for his family- most especially his boy.

I hope my words help a bit in your decision. In my 38 years as a Catholic Priest, I've dealt with many such situations. Tim is one of the outstanding successes in the eyes of the Catholic family!

If there is anything I might do for Tim, or for you, I would be more than happy to help. If there were community service hours, or any other kind of guidance that I might provide, I would be only too happy.

Respectfully,

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Brooklyn, NY 11230

1/4/2026

Re: Timothy McCormack

Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall,

I am the mother of Timothy McCormack. On whose behalf I am writing this letter. Tim was born in 1987, the youngest of our family of two daughters and five sons. His childhood was unremarkable in the sense that he attended elementary school, accompanied the entire family to Mass at our parish church every Sunday and collected bottles and soda cans for spending money. His first part time job was in our parish, (St. Rose of Lima) rectory where his duties consisted of answering phones, doorbells, and other requests. His friends were all school mates; their activities mainly sport centered.

After high school, his interests turned to pursuing an acting career. Despite many conversations about the difficulties in achieving this goal, he persisted and it was about that time that he became involved with friends who unfortunately brought him to the situation he is in today. Since he was no longer living at home, we, my husband and I, had no knowledge of what his involvement consisted of, such as gambling and all the rest. Today, Tim realizes and regrets the damage he has done to his family, and most importantly to his wife and six year old son, Ronan. He is the child's primary caretaker as his wife, Alana, is employed as a social worker at NYU Hospital. His current job allows him to bring Ronan to school and pick him up at dismissal. Ronan loves his dad dearly and it is my worst fear that Tim being absent from his life would be very traumatic for him. We know, sadly, how many children living in fatherless homes turn to drugs, crime and worse. So, in closing, my plea for clemency for Tim is actually a plea for one more child to grow up with a dad in his home. And a promise that as a mother I will never relent on doing all I can to ensure that going forward Tim will never again choose lawlessness as a lifestyle. Thank you for considering my words and my plea for leniency for Tim.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable **LaShann DeArcy Hall**  
United States District Judge

Your Honor,

I am writing to you as Timothy **McCormack's** brother, and I do so with humility and respect for the seriousness of this process. I know the Court must consider the facts of this case carefully, and I do not wish to excuse what brought Timothy here. I only hope to share who he is as a person beyond this moment.

This situation has been incredibly difficult for Timothy and for our family. What happened was **non-violent**, and it was **his first offense**, but that does not lessen the weight he feels. He is deeply ashamed and remorseful, and I have watched him struggle with the realization that his actions put his family and his future at risk. This experience has truly shaken him.

Timothy is, at his core, a devoted husband and a loving father to his **six-year-old son**. His son adores him and depends on him every day—not just for financial support, but for guidance, reassurance, and love. Timothy takes that responsibility seriously. He wants nothing more than to be present in his son's life and to raise him with the values of honesty, accountability, and respect for the law. I know this situation has forced him to confront the example he sets, and he has taken that to heart.

I have known Timothy my entire life, and this offense does not define him. It is a mistake—one that he fully owns and regrets—but it is not who he is. He is capable of learning from this, of growing, and of continuing to be a positive influence on his family and those around him. I truly believe this experience has changed him in ways that punishment alone cannot measure.

As his brother, I want the Court to know that Timothy will not face this chapter alone. Our family is committed to supporting him as he takes responsibility for his actions and works to move forward in a positive and lawful direction. We will hold him accountable, encourage him to comply fully with any conditions set by the Court, and help ensure he remains focused on being the husband, father, and person his family depends on.

I respectfully ask the Court to consider Timothy McCormack's lack of prior criminal history, the non-violent nature of the offense, and the impact that sentencing will have on his wife and young child. I

believe that with mercy balanced with accountability, Timothy has the ability to move forward and live as a responsible, law-abiding member of his community.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and for allowing me to share my perspective.

Respectfully,

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Dear Honorable LaShann Dearcy Hall:

My name is Ilene Sussman. I was a neighbor and close family friend of Timothy McCormack from the time he was an infant through his late teen years. I have known his family since I was ten years old. I was there when Timothy came home from the hospital and have since had the pleasure of watching him interact with his own son. Although Timothy and I have both moved from the street we grew up on we still see each other, on a regular basis, on holidays and at family events. Watching him and his siblings grow into kind, decent, conscientious adults with families of their own has been one of the greatest joys of my life.

I am aware Timothy has had struggles with gambling but also know that he has been diligently working on his issues and making amends. He has been going for treatment and attending therapy sessions. He now has a job assisting the homeless community find suitable housing. He spends most of his available time with his wife, Alana, his son, Ronan, and his dog, Louie. The four of them can often be found walking through the park near their home or getting together with Ronan's many cousins. The love shared by this young family is palpable when you are in their presence. I've described them to others as a hallmark movie come to life but I never imagined the plot twist that was to come.

I am writing this letter as I believe Timothy has learned from his mistakes, now understands the serious consequences of his actions, and that both him, his family, and the community at large would be better served with the imposition of the lightest possible sentence in this matter. The only benefit to society gained by punishing Timothy with jail time is that it may act as a deterrent to another. I believe that potential benefit is far outweighed by the harm and pain that would be caused if Timothy and his family are separated. Further, Timothy poses no physical threat to anyone and his continued presence in the community would be beneficial not only for his well being but for all the other lives he touches through his work and friendship. I hope the court can find a way to temper justice with mercy and apply leniency in the sentence it imposes.

I can be reached, as noted above, to confirm any of the information in this letter. Thank you for your taking the time to consider my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Ilene Sussman