

December 14, 2005

The Honorable Patrick Flanagan
Circuit Court Judge, Branch 12
Dane County
210 Martin Luther Kings Jr Blvd, Room 313
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Judge Flanagan:

I am writing to address the court in the matter of the criminal settlement of Charles Chvala. I am a former caucus employee; I left my employment in 1998. Charles Chvala has not been my employer for seven years. Until the resolution of this case in a plea agreement I was just a witness, like dozens of others, compelled to address the court and cooperate with the State in its investigation. However, the plea agreement made me front and center in this proceeding and the press. The subsequent defendant filing of a sentencing statement again brought my long ago employment center stage in the court. It is because I have learned that this prominence it not by accident, but by design, that I address the court.

My selection as a prominent part of the plea agreement was not a simple chance. In fact I was told by the Assistant District Attorney that the agreement did not contain my name, but the defendant insisted that my name as a witness be included. In the filing of December 8th sentencing statement, the defendant again attacked and made accusations while reporting to the court his guilt. In addition, a former campaign contributor of the defendant has made accusations regarding me to the media. I can only assume that this campaign against me is an attempt to detract from the proceedings of the court and a way to publicly and privately hurt someone else. I see this as unrepentant and an act of intimidation. The defendant's actions are unremorseful and disrespectful of the court.

I have no doubt this public, private and personal harassment will not end with the conclusion of the trial and the end of my status as a witness against the defendant. However, in the future, it will happen with the court's full knowledge. It would have been easier for me to have left the proceeding without submission, but it would have been an injustice. I cannot teach my children to stand up to a bully, if I am not willing to do the same. There comes a point in life when an honorable person accepts their role and takes

responsibility. I did that long ago and have worked personally and professionally to change the system that I was once a small part of. I can only hope the defendant will do the same. The suffering of the defendant and his family has been great, and that can only end with the conclusion of this court proceeding and the conclusion of the actions that put the defendant here in the first place.

Sincerely,

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cc Lester Pines JD