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November 28, 2005

Hon. C. William Foust
Dane County Circuit Court
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703-3341

Re: Sentencing of Former State Senator Brian Burke

Dear Judge Foust:

I would like to give you my opinion about Mr. Brian Burke before he is sentenced for political corruption on Wednesday, November 30.

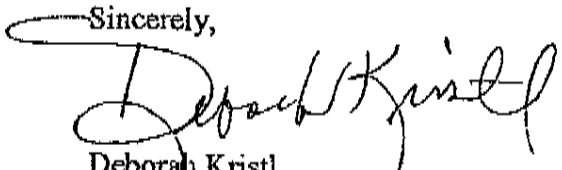
Mr. Burke represented me in my district as both an alderman and a state senator for seventeen years. He served the people who placed him and kept him in office. Unfortunately, they were not necessarily the people in his district. He rarely made appearances. His contact with constituents consisted of sending out a newsletter that appeared about every year. Each election he ran unopposed. He did not have to campaign for reelection. Imagine my surprise when I read that he had amassed \$600,000 in campaign contributions to run for Attorney General.

Following is a letter I sent to Mr. Burke regarding his representation of special interest groups during a 1999 budget gridlock.

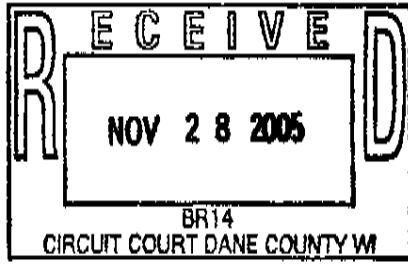
Mr. Burke has not lived up to his obligation as a public servant. He has instead represented special interests in Madison. Wisconsin taxpayers will be paying a long time as result of his actions. I think his punishment should be a jail sentence plus full restitution. He should also be barred for good from making a living in government or politics in any capacity.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,



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cc: DA's Office
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October 8, 1999

Senator Brian Burke
State Capitol
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Dear Senator Burke:

Thank you for the letters confirming that you received my messages regarding the latest budget proposal. I am very displeased with the proposal sent to the governor for his signature. Even with the one billion-dollar surplus from the last biennium you approved a budget proposal that does not balance. I believe that Governor Thompson should be very liberal with his veto power before signing this budget into law.

I am very unhappy with your leadership in putting this budget together. As Senate Chair of the Joint Finance Committee you are not representing the concerns of your constituents or the citizens of Wisconsin. This budget is loaded with provisions for special interest groups. I say, they did not elect you, we did.

Your letter of October 5, 1999 indicated that a permanent tax cut was chosen over a one-time rebate. These so called permanent tax reductions are nothing more than a 90% return of the excess taxes collected in the last two years. This proposal is a disguise of the moratorium on sales taxes proposed by Thompson. We have to earn more money to get our overpaid taxes back.

We want serious tax relief. This means reduced spending and the elimination of using tax money to pay for special interests. We have to decide what the state should pay for, set our priorities and make provisions to pay for it. The property tax relief of the last budget should indicate to you that we are just pushing costs between corporate, property and income taxes. Stop this and deliver serious legislation to permanently cut our spending. The permanent tax cuts will follow.

Yours truly,

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