

September 16, 2025

Honorable Judge Denise Ferrero
Alachua County Criminal Justice Center
220 South Main Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

Re: Michael Kesselring

Dear Judge Ferrero,

My name is Kim Capen Buchholz. I am a well-respected Gainesville area Realtor and longtime community volunteer. Since moving to my adopted hometown 17 years ago, I have served on myriad municipal, professional and philanthropic boards, committees and councils, including 10 years and counting on the United Way of North Central Florida Community Investment Council and nine years and counting on the Ronald McDonald Advisory House Council.

I am writing on behalf of my friend, Mike Kesselring. In particular, in support of Mike's release on bond at his Pre-Trial Hearing.

I have known Mike since 2017 when I was fortunate to become part of a large friend group through trivia nights in Tioga. Even though he was just 26 when we met, the same age as my son, Mike and I became very close friends within a subset of the larger friend group for many years, often delving into deep philosophical and practical discussions about relationships, business, life & career planning, spirituality and personal growth. He has sought out and taken my advice and the advice of others in our group who mentor him, and I've watched him grow from a 26 year old on his own for the first time far from his family in Ohio, to a successful business professional at 34 with an eclectic range of interests and a wide circle of friends.

Mike has an often big, energetic, charming personality. He is also smart, kind, insightful, contemplative, spiritual and witty. He could easily attract a plethora of young women if he wanted to. In the eight years we've been friends, I've only known him to have three girlfriends, all longterm, and all of whom are lovely, age-appropriate women. I have never seen even a hint of Mike being inappropriately interested in adolescents or even very young women. In fact, at least two of the three are somewhat older than Mike.

The charges against him don't track with the Mike that I know. And, they are very specific to circumstances that will not be replicated. Three-ish years ago, I helped Mike move out of his and Ari's shared apartment into his current apartment after a break up. Leaving a relationship that provides access to adolescents isn't the kind of thing pedophiles do. They endeavor to stay, not to leave.

Based on these facts as I know them to be true, it does not appear reasonable that Mike is a threat of harm to the community while navigating these proceedings. Thus, it is reasonable that Michael Kesselring be granted bond.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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