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The Honorable Denise R. Ferrero  
The Eighth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida  
220 South Main Street, Room A303  
Gainesville, FL 32601-6538

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**Re: Character Letter in Support of Bail for Michael "Mike" Kesselring**

Dear Judge Ferrero:

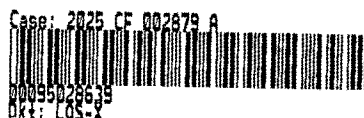
I write in two capacities: as Mike Kesselring's friend and as his business attorney. I have known Mike since at least 2018 through a shared circle of friends and, beginning in 2023, through my legal representation of his company on corporate, contract, and tax matters. I appreciate the gravity of the allegations now under investigation and that a pretrial release hearing is not a trial on the merits. My purpose is to assist the Court in assessing Mr. Kesselring's character and risk profile.

Over seven years I have observed Mike in private social settings and professional contexts where judgment and restraint matter. He is steady, respectful, and careful about boundaries. He has interacted with my own children in normal family and community settings, and I never had cause for concern. Rules and accountability matter to him. In my experience he respects the boundaries of adults and minors alike, and he conducts himself appropriately in both public and private settings. When I met with him during his recent detention, his immediate reaction reflected genuine shock and disbelief. While I appreciate that this observation is not dispositive, it is consistent with the person I have known since 2018.

Based on my firsthand observations of Mr. Kesselring in custody and my familiarity with his conduct in business, I offer this character reference without reservations and support his release on appropriate conditions that ensure community safety and protection of the minor complainant.

As his business counsel, I have seen how he approaches compliance: he asks before he acts. He repeatedly seeks advice to ensure his contracts, practices, and filings meet the letter of the law. He even engaged me to review his business tax work to be certain the filings were correct. That is not the mindset of someone inclined to cut corners or ignore orders, rather it is consistent, measured, and responsible.

On the pretrial release factors, I do not believe Mike is a flight risk. His life, livelihood, and relationships are here. Continued detention will inflict irreparable harm on his business, which depends on his day-to-day involvement, and now requires his further attention in light of the





reputational damage from public reporting. I also do not believe he poses a danger to the community. In my judgment, Mike will comply with any conditions the Court deems appropriate, including electronic monitoring, regular reporting, strict no-contact orders, curfew, residence approval, and surrender of any passport. If the Court so requests, I am willing to serve as a third-party custodian or professional point of contact to reinforce compliance and ensure his appearance.

The Court should be aware that Mr. Kesselring's housing was disrupted following these public allegations. Release will allow him to stabilize essentials, secure lodging consistent with Court directives, and continue supporting his business and legal defense while honoring all conditions. In my judgment, Mike will abide by the law during release and conduct himself as a responsible, law-abiding citizen throughout this matter and beyond.

Respectfully, I ask the Court to grant pretrial release on conditions the Court finds suitable. I am available to the Court should any questions arise about my knowledge of Mr. Kesselring's character or my willingness to assist with compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



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