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Your Honor,

I am writing in regard to my brother, Brenden Geary, who is being charged with Third-Degree Animal Cruelty. This event was and still is not easy to digest as a family but we are very committed to getting our brother on the path to a better life. We were all very surprised to receive the details regarding his violent actions, and are very supportive of my brother while he gets proper treatment.

My brother grew up in a loving family of 7 in Southern California all his life until he moved to Florida 3 years ago to attend Embry Riddle University. There he studied his passion of mechanical engineering while working part time at Best Buy. Being only a year older than my brother I saw him do the things he loved with his whole heart and soul. He created and was a leader of the First Robotics Club at his high school where they funded and built robots for competition. His free time was spent constructing weather balloons to send to the outer layer of the ozone, building rockets, robots, writing speeches, creating websites and valuable relationships. While working at various jobs he has been promoted and voted employee of the month on several occasions. To say the least, he is not afraid to work hard towards any goal or position he may be challenged with. My brother is the most compassionate, caring and loving person towards everyone he meets, and he has always been very kind to animals as well. Whatever he is committed to, whether it be in school, work, or life he puts every ounce of his being into doing the best job he can do. That is why I know, with no doubt in my mind, my brother will use this horrible event to change the course of his life for the better. When given the proper psych evaluation and treatment, my brother can learn more about how to properly express himself.

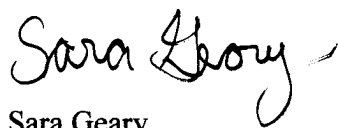
Growing up alongside Brenden, I remember him being an emotional and sensitive person. Back in 2002 our mother unexpectedly died in an off roading accident, which traumatized my whole family. Brenden, being one of five kids, took it the hardest and did not cope with it well. He was held back in Kindergarten and showed clear signs of emotional trauma at a very early age. Growing up he did and still continues to struggle with depression, having drastic emotional outbursts and anxiety. Sadly, he did not receive the proper treatment as a kid therefore, manifesting his emotions and thoughts in unhealthy ways as an adult. My brother is in no way a victim in this current situation, and it is not my intention to protect him from the truth or the consequences of his actions. Rather, I want to provide a space for him to face the truth and support him along this journey, and the best way my family and I can do that is by him being here in California. By my brother not getting help as a kid, being violent to this animal is how his untreated mental illness has manifested. A side of my brother that has not been dealt with for a majority of his life has come to light in a very tragic way, but now there is an opportunity for him to get the appropriate treatment for him. With the support of his family here in California he can grow mentally and emotionally as an independent young man.

Again, I cannot stress enough how beautiful of a human being my baby brother truly is. He loves with all his heart and nothing less, he fills up a room when hurled over laughing so hard, and gives the best bear hugs I could ever dream of. Just over a year and a half ago, my brother attempted to transfer schools to finish his degree in California where he would be closer to family. Unfortunately he was unable to do so due to credits not transferring, having to repeat classes he already passed and simply not having the capital. It is very apparent that we have a tight relationship with our brother and know he respects and

appreciates our support, especially during this time. Brenden has a huge support system here in California and we, as his family, know it is vital for him to be close to us while he continues his journey of mental healing. We are putting his mental health as a priority in our own lives because we are confident that he will put forth the same effort. Brenden's arraignment is April 9th and when he receives his conviction I would like to respectfully ask the court if his sentencing be transferred to the state of California in Los Angeles County. This is so that he can fully receive the support of his family while working through his mental health treatment, and getting back on his feet as a functional member of society.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and understanding the current situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Geary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Sara" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Geary" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. There is a small horizontal flourish at the end of the signature.

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