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July 8, 1981

Dr. Hector Garcia 1315 Bright St. Corpus Christi, TX 78405

Re: Dr. Antonio Hernandez

Dear Dr. Hector:

I would appreciate it very much if you would be kind enough to write a letter of good character on behalf of Dr. Antonio Hernandez. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge DeAnda in the very near future.

Attached hereto is a "sample" letter you may use as to form.

Call my office when the letter is ready and I will be happy to pick it up.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Rudolph Garza, Jr

GRG/efg

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TO EACH PERSON WHO IS GOING TO WRITE A GOOD CHARACTER AND GOOD REPUTATION LETTER ON BEHALF OF DR. ANTONIO HERNANDEZ

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached hereto is a "sample letter" that you can use as a guide in writing your own good character letter for Dr. Antonio Hernandez.

First of all, I want to caution you that whatever you put in your letter must be absolutely correct, i.e., the truth, just as if you were testifying under oath in Court. The attached "sample letter" is written to include all the best things that could be said about our client. You must remember that in your own letter you must only say the things you know of your own knowledge and not say something just because it is in the "sample letter". And you should be sure when you write your own letter to at all times use your own choice of words and express your thoughts in your own manner.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

G. Rudolph Garza, Jr. for Roberto J. Yzaguirre,

Attorney for Dr. Hernandez

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SAMPLE LETTER (Prefer that letter be on the writer's business letterhead)

Date:

(Write in your home address)

RE: Dr. Antonio Hernandez

Dear Judge DeAnda:

(Do not copy this paragraph word for word but please be sure to write the substance of it in your own words.)

(Be sure to give your job title. If you have only worked for your present employer 4 or 5 years, please add employment data for the 4 or 5 years prior thereto.)

(This paragraph will, of course, vary depending on your acquaintance with Dr. Hernandez and/or his family. Be sure to use your own words to write this paragraph.)

I am writing to you on behalf of my good friend, Dr. Antonio Hernandez, after having been informed that he has been charged with the serious offense of evasion of federal income taxes.

I am years of age, married, and living with my wife and children at the above residential address. I am and have been for the past several years (state job, occupation, or business profession).

I am a personal friend of Dr. Antonio Hernandez. I have known him for the past ______ years. I have many mutual friends and accuaintances so that I have had an opportunity not only of forming my own personal opinion of him but I am in a position to know the opinion that other people in the community have of him. I know Dr. Hernandez and his wife and children quite well. My wife and I have visited frequently in his home and he and his wife have visited frequently in our home (or whatever might be the facts. The foregoing is simply one of the many situations that might be the facts. The person writing the good character letter should relate what his/her relationship has been with Dr. Hernandez such as employer, co-worker, colleague, former class-mate, fellow church parishioner, etc.).

(Express this in your own words.)

(This must be in your own thoughts and in your own language.)

(This paragraph, and the next paragraphs will vary, of course, depending on your own knowledge, impressions and thoughts. Be sure to use your own words.)

I have asked Mr. Yzaguirre, Dr. Hernandez' attorney, to give this letter to your Probation Officer, along with a copy of it for his own file so he can read it and so that it can then be delivered on to you so that you might have the benefit of my thoughts in reaching a final determination of the disposition that you will make of his case.

Dr. Hernandez has been a practicing pediatric physician in Christi for approximately years. Mrs. Hernandez has devoted her life to her husband. The Hernandez family is deeply religious and each of them has taken an active part in the religious and civic life of Corpus Christi. At the same time they have always been intimately concerned with the moral welfare and upbringing of their children.

I cannot explain Dr. Hernandez' actions that have brought this terrible tragedy to him and to his family. I know that he has served with distinction as a member of the local medical community.

I can only say that his violation of the income tax laws of this country must have been brought about as a result of severe economic straits and pressures, or, perhaps, simply because of bad or negligent management practices in his medical office. Whatever the reasons, I personally know that he is truly remorseful about this entire episode in his life.

His good reputation and good character, is, I believe, as well established as that of any man I know.

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(Please be sure to use your own words in expressing yourself reference the subject matter of this paragraph.

And I can with complete accuracy and honesty state that my own splendid opinion of him is shared by all of the people in the community that know him.

I most humbly and respectfully recommend and urge that you grant Dr. Hernandez the utmost leniency as respects his sentence. I do hope and pray that you can see you own way clear to suspend such sentence as you may impose on him, both for his own sake, and for the sake of his fine wife and children.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely and Respectfully,

(Signature)