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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

I am writing on behalf of Sholam Weiss's sentence to time served. Mr. Weiss was convicted on November 1, 1999 in the United States District Court at the Middle District of Florida on 76 counts and was sentenced on February 15, 2000 to an 845-year prison sentence. This sentence is shockingly extreme and disproportionate to similar white collar sentences.

Mr. Weiss, whose major conviction was a non-violent white collar crime of wire fraud and money laundering, has already served over 20 years of his sentence. It is my understanding that all restitution imposed on Mr. Weiss has been fully satisfied. It is further my understanding that Mr. Weiss has demonstrated exceptionally good conduct throughout his incarceration and has been a model inmate. Mr. Weiss has devoted himself to rehabilitative and religious activities while incarcerated and has served as a Rabbi to fellow Jewish inmates for the past 15 years.

Mr. Weiss is a 66-year-old father of five, with thirty-three grandchildren and two great grandchildren, who are all waiting with open arms for him to come home. Mr. Weiss's health has deteriorated in prison and suffers from colon cancer, has underwent heart surgeries and various other ailments.

I fully support a full pardon/commutation for Mr. Weiss and hope that he will soon be reunited with his family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chaim Deutsch'.

Chaim Deutsch  
Council Member, 48th District