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

Re: Mr. Sholam Weiss

Dear Mr. President:

I write to respectfully request that you commute the prison sentence of Mr. Sholam Weiss.

Mr. Weiss was convicted primarily of wire fraud and money laundering, and while of course these were serious offenses, his 845 year sentence was highly disproportionate in comparison to other sentences for white-collar crimes; indeed, we were told that his sentence was the longest ever imposed for non-violent crimes. We further understand that if he were to be sentenced today, under current sentencing guidelines, he would have only been sentenced to at most 37 months for his conviction.

We therefore ask you to commute his sentence to the time he has already served. The restitution imposed upon him by the court has been satisfied. He has demonstrated excellent conduct throughout his long years in prison, striving to spiritually uplift other prisoners.

Mr. Weiss is now 66 years old, and in failing health, suffering from colon cancer, a heart condition, and other illnesses. He is the father of five children and many grandchildren with whom he yearns to be. They have suffered too from his lengthy prison term. Especially at this time, when because of his age and his failing health he is at high risk in the prison where he is confined, we ask that you have mercy on him and his family and allow him to spend the remaining years of his life with his children and grandchildren.

Thanks for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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