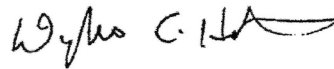


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4. *Equitable Considerations*: During her incarceration, following a serious suicide attempt, Ms. Scrivner was diagnosed for the first time with Bipolar disorder. The treatment and medication she received for her illness coincided with her positive accomplishments in prison. As part of her therapy, Ms. Scrivner has disclosed a troubled past. She was physically abused and introduced to drugs at a very young age, leading to a cycle of abusive relationships, culminating with the drug dealing husband who led her into her conviction. Her diagnosis and the revelations of abuse cast new light on her criminal conduct. While the sentencing court certainly knew of Ms. Scrivner's drug use, it was not aware that she suffered from a mental illness and was particularly susceptible to following the instructions of a domineering and abusive husband. I have no doubt that had all this information been known to the prosecution and the sentencing court, Ms. Scrivner would have received a sentence less than she has already served.

For the foregoing reasons, I support commutation of Barbara Scrivner's sentence to time served. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,



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United States Attorney

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