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From: Bryan Carrier

Re: Signed Statement

STATEMENT OF BRYAN CARRIER

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information in support of my request to have my license reinstated. I am requesting that my license to operate a motor vehicle be reinstated but with the specific restriction that I only operate a motor vehicle with an ignition interlock device.

The incident

On the night of November 22, 1996 I went to a party in Skowhegan. I do not remember all of the details of the night as I sustained head trauma from the accident but from what I can piece together, and what I have accepted as fact throughout the years, I gave a ride from the party to Elbert Knowles and Nikki Johnson. I had consumed alcohol that night. From what I understand I was going over the speed limit on an unfamiliar road and went through a stop sign. My truck struck a van killing Alex Jewell and his mother Arlyce Jewell. Royce Jewell, Alex's father, was also injured. Elbert Knowles was killed and Nikki Johnson was injured

My blood alcohol content was a .07 when it was drawn after the accident. The investigation concluded that my blood alcohol was a .11 at the time of the accident.

In June of 1997 I was sentenced on three charges of vehicular manslaughter and three charges of aggravated OUI, and sent to Maine Department of Corrections to serve a sentence of 10 years with all but 2 years suspended and 6 years of probation, as well as \$6,000 in fines.

Post-sentence

After my release from prison I immediately went and worked for my father again in Skowhegan. I worked with him for a year when on March 1, 2000 I watched in horror as he slipped into a bio mass processing grinder at his processing facility. For months I could not speak enough to even order a coffee at Dunkin Donuts.

While on probation I completed all of the counseling I was required to complete. I also performed over 2000 hours of community service. That service was with the St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen in Skowhegan. It was a humbling experience to serve those who had a far more difficult life than I had and who were struggling to just get by. I threw myself into that service and as my supervisor Cynthia Savage wrote in the attached letter I was one of the best workers she ever had in her 17 years.

I have had a job and worked steadily, full time, since I was released from prison. I am currently employed by Carrier Chipping. There has never been a time when I have not worked full time.

My background

I was born on December 15, 1976 in St Georges, Quebec, Canada to Michel and Suzanne Carrier. I became a dual citizen because my parents were naturalized, as they both grew up in Canada. We lived in Jackman, Maine until 1989. I have two siblings, an older sister, Veronique, and younger brother, Peter.

My father was one of thirteen kids. Together with their children there were nearly sixty family members and we were all very close growing up and supportive of each other. As a young boy my family was always together, at each other's houses for gatherings, and outings.

In 1989 we moved to Skowhegan where I started working for my father after school and on weekends. I attended Skowhegan Area High School and instead of participating in school activities I went to work. In 1994 I briefly went to work for an uncle in Bristol, Connecticut working construction. Soon after I came back to Maine to work for an uncle who owned a trucking company and wood yard in Skowhegan, doing odd jobs and cleaning around his shop. In 1995 I left to go to work for my father and an uncle in Ossipee, New Hampshire at a new wood processing facility that they had incorporated. During this time I was working in Ossipee and living in Standish, Maine with an uncle. I lived there until November 22, 1996.

I am blessed to have two children, Julia Carrier who is 9 years old and Jameson Mae Carrier who is 3 years old. I am married to Logan Carrier.

Even though I made such a horrible decision when I was 19 years old I have strived to be a better person going forward. I am married with two children. I work a full time job to support my family. I am trying to be the best possible role model that I can be for them, all the while recognizing that the person I was almost 20 years ago was far from a role model at all.

Regret and remorse

I deeply regret the loss of lives due to my poor choices. I live with shame and remorse for my actions and not a day goes by where I do not feel terrible about the choices I made that night nearly 20 years ago when I killed three people and injured two others. I cannot bring those lives back. I cannot imagine the pain I have caused to the families involved. I have tried to work through this shame in counseling but the reality is that I will never be able to forgive myself for what I did.

I want the families of the victims here to know, once and for all, that I am truly sorry for what I did to their loved ones and their families who have to live with such a devastating loss every day. It was my fault and though I know they will never forget what I have done I can only ask that some day they choose to forgive me. But I accept if they do not do so.

The request

In two months I will have been without a driver's license for 20 years. I accept that punishment. I am not the same person as I was when I was 19 years old and caused the death of three people. With nearly 20 years of reflection, growth, and maturity I am a different person and someone who the State can trust to drive again.

Though I do not need to drive to work, as a father I want to be able to be able to drive to and from family get togethers and visits with my relatives, to attend school functions, and be at athletic events of my children and relatives, as well as be able to drive day to day to the supermarket, to the barber shop, to the dentist, and all of the other places one would go on a regular basis. There is virtually no public transportation in Fairfield and if I ever need to go anywhere at this time I have to ask for a ride. I have accepted this fate for the last two decades, but I believe the time has come for me to be able to drive again.

I am requesting that the Secretary of State reinstate my license but to do so only conditionally. The condition would be that I would not operate a motor vehicle unless I did so with an ignition interlock device paid for at my own expense. This device was not available for regular installation and monitoring in Maine until 2013. Though I have never consumed alcohol and drove a motor vehicle since the night of November 22, 1996 to the extent that there is any concern whatsoever about my driving safety I want to give everyone the confidence that whenever I am driving I am doing so without any alcohol in my system. The ignition interlock device would do that.

Thank you for reviewing all of this as you consider whether to allow me to drive again.

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