

Exhibit W

December 7, 2020

Honorable Alison J. Nathan
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. Ghislaine Maxwell*
20 Cr. 330 (AJN)

Dear Judge Nathan,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ghislaine Maxwell, a woman who I grew up knowing and looking up to. Ghislaine dated and lived with my father from when I was 10- 17 years old and we continue to be in touch today.

I do not write this to discuss the charges against Ghislaine Maxwell, to plead that she is innocent or argue that she is guilty. I am simply hoping to offer a more well-rounded picture of Ms. Maxwell as a person outside of the opinions of the media. As a kid, I saw Ghislaine as an example of a strong, caring woman. I have fond memories of her driving me to school and singing badly to the radio and trying to make me laugh with her terrible American accent when I was feeling down. From our many family vacations, I remember her organizing scavenger hunts and games to entertain my siblings and me. In addition, her passion for saving the oceans was inspiring. At a very impressionable age, Ghislaine taught me a lot about generosity, determination, and resilience.

Thank you for the opportunity to write this letter. I hope you will consider granting bail to Ghislaine Maxwell. Given the seriousness of the situation, I would not have considered taking action if I did not feel it necessary. Whatever the outcome, I felt it was important for me to share my unique perspective and stand up for what I believe in.

Sincerely,

Emily Waitt

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