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The Honorable Alison J. Nathan
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

4th November 2020

Your Honor,

I am Ghislaine's niece, the eldest child of her brother Kevin. I live in London, UK, and have been a primary school teacher before becoming a mum and voluntary bereavement counsellor. I have no idea what value, if any, you will place on my words -- but I write anyway in the hope that she can be granted bail.

We are all living through extraordinary times - across the world people have had their liberties curtailed due to the spread of Covid-19. Here in London we are about to enter into another month long lockdown and must stay at home.

This loss of all our liberties, I think, has had the impact of making us all reflect on what liberties it is we most value - the ability to see our families and friends; the ability to hug them; the ability to feed ourselves and do exercise.

I appreciate that Ghislaine is one of many in the MDC right now - however it does strike me as deeply troubling that a person - though innocent until proven guilty - can be treated in a way that on any measure is inhumane and degrading. I can think of no justification whatever for her not having been fed properly, or not having access to glasses so she can read, or indeed the majority of the letters I have written to her being sent back. For any trial to be fair, she must have the opportunity to defend herself and to do that she needs a functioning mind - solitary confinement since July and potentially until next July surely puts that at risk.

I understand you are balancing any perceived risk against the odds of her fleeing - she is of no danger to the public.

It cannot be beyond the realms of possibility and practicality to define terms that guarantee her presence - not least because I firmly believe she intends to defend herself. She should be allowed to sleep. She should be allowed to eat. She should be allowed to have the support of friends and family as she prepares her defence.

Her treatment to date feels punitive and unjust. She had ample opportunity to leave the US legally prior to her arrest and did not do so. It is less likely not more likely that she would do so now.

Finally - my father was on trial in the UK in the 90s. He was bailed and allowed to work to support our family in the run up to his trial. He was allowed to travel abroad to do that work. As a child at the time I know I appreciated the fact that he was around. We knew that if found guilty he would have been in prison for the rest of our childhoods so the time we had was precious. Ghislaine has step-children -- not granting her bail takes her out of their lives for more months, so they end up also being punished by this current situation. Since she is no danger and the only fear is flight, I urge you to look at her history of not fleeing and use the practical and technological tools at your disposal to assuage any fears of flight.

Yours sincerely



Matilda Munro