

Exhibit J

Helene Atkin Zimmerman

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

Your Honor:

This statement is in support of Ghislaine Maxwell's character and her request for bail.

My name is Helene Atkin Zimmerman. I am Ghislaine Maxwell's first cousin on her father's side of the family. My late mother, Brana Atkin, a Holocaust survivor (Buchenwald & Mathausen and naturalized American citizen) was the elder sister to my uncle, Ghislaine's father. My father, David Natkin, served in the US Air Force, and survived as a Prisoner of War of the Japanese during World War II, returning with severe PTSD which caused the disintegration of my immediate family. I am 69 years old and was born in the US although I grew up in England and spent my schooling years with the Maxwell family from a very young age until I returned to the United States in 1973. I had a first career in the retail and jewelry business in New York at Tiffany & Co., and later with Abraham & Strauss. I have lived for the past 25 years in California and have been married to my husband for 21 years. For the past 6 years up until February 2020, I was the Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), San Mateo, CA. I have a BA and MSc. degrees that I gained as a mature student.

I sincerely hope you will see fit to grant Ghislaine Maxwell, my cousin, bail to properly prepare for trial. However, should you not do so, I am afraid for her life given the conditions to which she is being subjected. If I may, just because Jeffrey Epstein died in Federal pretrial custody, should NOT mean that Ghislaine should become the scapegoat, and be treated so harshly. I sincerely hope that Ghislaine's life will not be forfeited due to the adverse extreme conditions in which she is being held, or that she have a severe mental health or physical health breakdown as a consequence of her current conditions and treatment.

Accordingly, I join with my cousins who have extremely strong faith in Ghislaine's respect for the judicial process and her absolute determination and right to prove her innocence at trial. I am demonstrating my faith that she will not seek to flee if she is granted bail, by placing \$25,000 cash in good faith towards her bond. Ghislaine Maxwell has NO reason to flee. When she could have left the country, she chose not to. The people she loves most, her husband and step-children are here. She remained in the US to prove her innocence. The US is her home.

Yours respectfully,



Helene Atkin Zimmerman