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To whom it may concern,

Good morning. My name is Matt Fulks. I am writing you today on behalf of the family and friends of Marlene Grace Ables. On November 25, 2023, Grace was shot and killed by Camrin Jay Smith in their home in Lauren's County. At the time of the shooting, she was 7 months pregnant with their daughter Skarlett. Unfortunately, with me now living out of state, I was unable to provide a statement during the trial. However, on June 16, 2025, Camrin was found guilty of murder x2 along with weapons charges, and sentenced to 45 years. Today, I learned that Camrin has filed an appeal and I wanted to take this opportunity to write the court of appeals to let Grace and Skarletts voice be heard through me.

Grace was one of my best friends. She helped me when I moved out to South Carolina after my divorce from my ex-wife. She helped me get stable again. When I met Camrin, I immediately took a strong dislike to him. He was very stand offish from everyone. When he did speak, it was to verbally berate, belittle, and manipulate, Grace into getting what he wanted. Whatever that maybe. I specifically remember a bonfire that we had with a bunch of people in December of 2021 to celebrate a friend's birthday. That entire night, all he did was talk negatively about Grace behind her back. On several occasions, he called her a bitch and made statements like "I can get in that ass anytime I want whether she likes it or not." And then he would laugh about it. I did end up confronting him about it. From that point forward, if we ever had friendly outings, he wouldn't show if I was there. To follow that, there was always problems when Grace went home that night.

I would like to end this email with when I moved out of South Carolina. A going away ceremony or get together was thrown for me as I left the parking lot for my drive to Minnesota. Once again, he didn't show. However, Grace wrote me a very long and in depth letter. She had to write this letter out of sight from Camrin because she was worried on what he would do to her. I ended up posting this letter on my social media because of how beautiful the letter truly was. She got at least verbally abused for this as well. I still have possession of this letter today.

What I am trying to state with this letter is there was a long history of abuse dating back years before Grace died. I have bared witness to only a fraction of that abuse. If it did ever get physical or sexual Grace was very quiet about it. Unfortunately, this ultimately lead to Grace and Skarletts death. I don't believe that the person responsible should be let back out onto the streets. I firmly believe that another tragedy like this will happen with Camrin back out in public. I want to thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to hearing back from you.

Matt Fulks