### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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#### COMPENDIUM TO SENTENCING MEMORANDUM REDACTED LETTERS OF SUPPORT - MEHMET HAKAN ATILLA PART TWO - COLLEAGUES

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1	Alptekin	Hulya			
2	Alptekin	Orhan			
3	Atalay	Pinar			
4	Atilla	Ayse			
5	Atilla	Burcin			
6	Atilla	Burkan			
7	Atilla	Mehmet Işik			
8	Atilla	Okan			
9	Bayram	Emine			
10	Çeliktürk	Hale Atilla			
11	Çeviker	Eda Derya			
12	Çimen	Nihal			
13	Erlap	Arzu			
14	Erlap	Devrim			
15	Erlap	Irmak			
16	Sengün	Asli			
17	Tamer	Nurettin Turgay			
18	Utku	Fatma Çiçek			
19	Yasun	Bilge			
20	Yasun	Burak			
21	Yasun	Efser Guniz Bayram			
22	Yasun	Serbülent			
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23	Adaoğullari	Nur			
24	Akcesme	Tanner			
25	Alakustekin	Selin			

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26	Alci	Mustafa
27	Arcasoy	Gönul
28	Atas	Mehmet Hakan
29	Aydin	Elif
30	Aytemiz	Ayse Nur
31	Bagdinli	Nazmi
32	Bayramoglu	Derya Zeynep
33	Bilgin	Onur (English)
34	Caglar	Ibrahim Okan
35	Çeper	Ersin (English)
36	Çetiner	Mustafa
37	Çinici	Aycelen Oral
38	Çiteli	Lena
39	Demircan	Saadet
40	Erbay	Asli
41	Erby	Mustafa H.
42	Ethemoğlu	Ferrin
43	Güden	Seda
44	Güleç	Recep
45	Güven	Cem Feyzullah
46	Güzen	Levent
47	Ileri	Refik
48	Imeri	Berkan
49	Karakas	Ahmet
50	Kaya	Ergin
51	Kocatas	Leyla
52	Kovanci	Umut (English)
53	Kul	Erol
54	Kurhan	Idris

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56	Özkan	Mustafa
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58	Öztürk	Dilar
59	Parlak	Ülkü Hatrice
60	Sahan	Musa
61	Sayin	Huri Dilara
62	Seferi	Derya Hamza (English)
63	Sezgin	Bülent
64	Sungur	Aysegul Kocaman
65	Sürer	Serdar
66	Taşdemir	Özlem
67	Torgal	Ozer
68	Taymaz	Seyit Ahmet
69	Ünal	Zafer
70	Yarimoğlu	Murat
71	Yilmaz	Pinar
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73	Adaoğullari	Murat Latif
74	Alakustein	Cem
75	Atasoy	Murat
76	Ayvaz	Onno
77	Basciftci	Orsan
78	Caglar	Banu Ebru
79	Çetiner	Günay
80	Erdem	Güleser
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85	Güzel	Anil
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87	Komesli	Ferit
88	Korhan	Yasar
89	Korhan	Yesim
90	Korkmaz	Zafer
91	Kul	Hale
92	Ozan	Emine Senan
93	Özkök	Süleyman
94	Sevinç	Harun
95	Tarduş	Atalay
96	Taşlitepe	Bekir Nejat
97	Taşlitepe	Isik
98	Tozan	Mehmet
99	Turan	Cetin
100	Turan	Mustafa
101	Zengin	Ismail Sami
102	Zeybek	Dilara

The Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St.
New York NY 10007-1312

02/08/2018

Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Nur Adaoğulları. I started my banking career at REDACTED kbank in 1992 and I continued my career and professional life at Halkbank after 2004 when REDACTED kbank was acquired by Halkbank. I met Mr. Mehmet Hakan Atilla as my supervisor since he was a senior executive at the bank when I started working there. Later, I started working in the same department as his wife Mrs. Burçin Atilla was in 2008. We started seeing the Atillas on a family basis, plus socially as well when our work relationship with Burçin Atilla turned into a friendship.

I have known Mr. Mehmet Hakan Atilla as an individual who is dedicated to his profession and as a modest, considerate, decent and impartial senior executive. I have observed that, in his personal life, as well, he is just as devoted to his family, he is kind, humorous, talented and willing to help anyone around him who is in need.

Both him and his wife were always there ready to lend me a helping hand whenever I had a problem and they provided full moral support all the time. I would like to highlight that I am not the only person who would say such things about them.

Your Honor, I kindly ask for your tolerance not only for Mehmet Hakan Atilla but also for this wonderful family and for us as well. My daughter who is 12 years old prays for her uncle Hakan to reunite with her aunt Burçin and her brother Burkan in good health. Because she wants her aunt Burçin to smile again as she loves her very much.

You must believe that I am talking about an extraordinary family that do not deserve such pain and separation.

Kindly and respectfully submitted for your consideration.

{SIGNED} Nur ADAOĞULLARI

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman

United States District Judge

**United States Courthouse** 

500 Pearl St.

New York NY 10007-1312

08.02.2018

#### Sayın Hakim Berman

Benim adım Nur Adaoğulları. 1992 yılında Bankacılığa REDACTED bank'ta başladım ve 2004 yılında REDACTED bank'ın Halkbank bünyesine katılması sonrası çalışma hayatıma Halkbankası'nda devam ettim. Sayın Mehmet Hakan Atilla görev aldığım bankanın üst düzey yöneticisi olduğundan amirim olarak tanıyordum. 2008 yılından itibaren eşi Sayın Burçin Atilla ile aynı birimde çalışmaya başladık. Burçin Atilla ile iş arkadaşlığımız dostluğa dönüştüğünde Atilla Allesi ile ailece mesai saatleri dışında da görüşmeye başladık.

Sayın Mehmet Hakan Atilla'yı mesleğine gönülden bağlı, mütevazi, ölçülü, düzenli, adil bir üst düzey yönetici olarak tanırken, sivil hayatında geleneksel bir aile yaşantısı içerisinde ailesine düşkün, kibar, esprili, yetenekli, çevresinde yardıma ihtiyacı olan herkese el uzatan bir Mehmet Hakan Atilla daha tanıdım.

Kendisi ve eşi dostluğumuz süresince sıkıntıya düştüğüm her an da yanımda olmuş ve manevi desteklerini eksiksiz hissettirmişlerdir. Bunu söyleyen tek kişinin ben olmayacağımı belirtmek isterim.

Sayın Hakim, sizden sadece Sayın Mehmet Hakan Atilla için değil, harika bir aile ve bizler için de hoşgörü talep ediyorum. 12 yaşındaki kızım <sup>REDACI</sup>'nın dualarında Hakan amcasının sağlıkla Burçin teyzesine ve Burkan abisine kayuşması var. Çünkü çok sevdiği Burçin Teyzesinin artık yüzünün gülmesini istiyor.

Suna inanmalısınız ki bu acı ve ayrılıklara layık olmayacak kadar muhteşem bir aileden söz ediyorum.

Konuyu arz eder, saygılarımı sunarım.

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Dear Your Honourable Judge Berman,

I would like to start by introducing myself and a brief background of who I am. My name is Taner Akcesme. I am 27 years old, born and raised in London. I am currently the London Representative of Halkbank and have been so since March 2015. Prior to this I worked for the Investment bank of Halkbank (Halk Invest) as a corporate finance analyst in Istanbul for 2 years and prior to that I worked as a Customer Service Advisor for Santander in London for just under 4 years. As mentioned I was born and raised in London therefore all of my education has been in the UK and I have a B.A Hons in Business and Economics.

I was first introduced to Mr Hakan Atilla around December 2013 when we was looking for office space in London to establish the London Representative Office of Halkbank. Being from London I was chosen to assist with this project. I remember us meeting over breakfast while he was having a breakfast meeting with London based investors of Halkbank. At that time I was only an analyst so there was a huge margin between us in terms of seniority. That said, he was very welcoming and approachable towards me and made me feel very comfortable around him. Normally I was uptight when around senior people from the organisation due to other people at similar seniority to Hakan being less approachable and would take into consideration my title when in dialogue with me. This was certainly not the case with Hakan and straight away I knew that he was someone that I will be able to get along with. I remember him letting me sit next to him during this meeting which was a huge boost for me as my level of confidence at that time was low seeing as I was a junior analyst and 23 years old.

While visiting various office spaces in London, he asked me about myself and my family and showed a keen interest in me which I was very happy about as it showed me that he had great people skills. This became more and more apparent as we went to these meetings as he met new people. Over the 5 years that I have known Hakan, I would say that he is very kind, polite, caring, honest, very hard working and with a great sense of humour I must say.

When I first became the London Representative of Halkbank in March 2015, Hakan told me to come to head office in Istanbul for 3 weeks to join his and others meetings to get a better understanding of what they do and how this will benefit my work. I remember on the first day in the office, we must have had at least 8 meetings with various international institutional investors and international banks. He would spend at least 20-30 minutes talking about family and friends and life before talking business. I could see that he had a great and open relationship with everyone who visited us and would also get along straight away with new people that he had met in front of me. Even though he is a banker, he would never fit the cliché flash banker character as we all see in the movies. He has always been a genuine humble person.

When walking about in London during his trips, in the evenings after our meetings we would always go for walks. During these walks he would always give money to every person sleeping rough on the streets that we would come across, which is not something that people often do in today's society I am afraid. They say the more money you make the tighter you become...certainly not the case with Hakan as he was always open handed when it came to things like this. Even at restaurants he would always ensure that the waiter was tipped, which shows to me his kindness and honesty.

During his free time in London, he would visit the art galleries and would regularly speak to my ex receptionist whom was a professional artist and they would share their ideas as Hakan is also a keen painter and has produced some incredible art during his free time. Even today, my current and ex reception staff always asks about him specifically and always mention how nice he was to them and ask when he will next be in London. Hopefully as soon as possible is always my reply.

When it came to the meetings with the investors here, he had a great relationship with everyone and you could tell the difference between the relationships he had compared to the relationship that investors had with other senior management from other corporates that would attend. Even today, all the investors ask about him, send their regards and wish for his release and return.

He has a very hard work ethic and would make sure that all our work is up to scratch and to a very high standard. He would always go back to the hotel early before our meetings the next day to go over our earnings presentations which not many would do while visiting London.

While working under Hakan, he has always been very approachable when it came to work and out of work. An example of this is that I spoke to him about my relationship problems where I was in Love with an English girl but my parents wanted me to be with a Turkish girl. Normally I keep my relationship very private but I felt that with Hakan I could open up to him not as my manager but as an uncle who would give me his honest opinion. Tiny things like that make a massive difference in my eyes as we spend more time with our colleagues than with my family as I am sure you agree.

While in London he would always share interesting pictures and videos of the stuff he saw in London with this wife and son. I remember on the 23rd March 2017 (my birthday) when he was in London for the bank's Tier 2 roadshow, we went to dinner in the evening at Benihana and was amazed by the chefs show. He would film it and send it to them saying that they will visit here when they have a family holiday to London after the completion of the Tier 2. Hopefully with your leniency he will be able to fulfil this.

I do acknowledge that I am aware that Hakan has unfortunately been convicted of a crime, and that you will be sentencing him in connection with a crime, however I simply cannot imagine that Hakan is capable of committing any crime at all. It is not in his character to do such a thing and I am sure that I am certainly not the only one saying this as I am sure you are aware. I know that you have convicted many people in your very accomplished career but I sincerely believe and hope that in Hakan's case you will be able to spare this innocent person of imprisonment. He along with his family and friends including me has suffered enough as it is. Since his arrest, I have had countless sleepless nights, constant dreams about him and I wish an end to this suffering to us all.

Respectfully yours,

Ir Taner Akcesme

The Honorable Richard M.Berman

Istanbul, February 8, 2018

United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007-1312

Your Honor,

My name is Selin Alakustekin. I am 50 years old. I have joined the Financial Institutions Department of Halkbank in 2004 as a result of a merger. I have worked at the same department of various Banks in Turkey. I worked with Mehmet Hakan Atilla for 10 years until I got retired as of the first of March, 2017. I reported directly to him when he was the Head of the Department. After he was promoted to be an Assistant General Manager and a new Head was appointed I reported to the new Head however I could always approach him directly when necessary.

I have known Mr. Atilia to be a very smart, hardworking and honest person. He has an extreme sense of responsibility for his job, for his institution and for his staff. He is also deeply devoted to Halkbank as he worked for the Bank for a long time. He is a very hardworking person and he would expect everyone working for him to be the same. He would never say "let someone else do this job" and he would expect the same. He would usually work overtime and would expect the same. He was always ready to learn new things and the opinions of other people no matter what their rank or position is, therefore he is a very good listener. However he argues his point as well. He is very practical and a good problem solver. As a Manager, especially when he realizes that you are as hardworking and dedicated to your work as he is, he would always be there if you needed his assistance and you can trust that he would always try to do the best for you. He is a very fair and honest person you can depend on. He is a team worker and he tries to make all his staff to feel as a part of the team. These are the reasons why we all enjoyed working with him and feel deeply sad now that he is arrested in the United States of America. We all try to follow closely the case and pray for him every single day.

Hakan Atilla was very knowledgeable about the business and for this reason our counterparts would always talk to him, meet with him to get information about the Bank and the Country. They would trust his opinion and approach him if they had any questions or inquiries. They all knew that Hakan Atilla would follow up the business we have with them, provide them with feedback. He is very fair and true in the business we do, he would always try to be as transparent as possible. I am very sure that all our business counterparts would speak very positively about him and confirm what I have stated in this paragraph.

For me he was not merely someone I reported to but a very good friend. I enjoyed very much working with him and he was one of the reasons why I delayed my retirement for almost four years. He asked me to stay and I did because I enjoyed working with him and of course I really liked my job. I always knew that I could depend on him. He knew that how business oriented I was and therefore he supported when I wanted to do something new. For example I told him that it would prove very beneficial if would participate in an annual financial event called "Sibos" as an exhibitor. This would be naturally a new cost for the Bank but he supported this and discussed it with our General

Managers and Halkbank stated exhibiting at this event every year. We did a lot of "firsts" at Halkbank like the first syndicated loan like the first Eurobond issuance and like representing the Bank as exhibitor at Sibos. Therefore we also learned a lot and having achieved such success we also felt very content with our business. It is very hard to believe he would do anything to endanger his, his family's or his Bank's reputation. This is very contradictory to the Hakan Atilla I have known for 10 years. As he was heading departments which were in contact with the financial institutions we work with and the institutional investors we work with, he strived to make sure that the Bank has policies and checks to ensure compliance with rules and regulations.

Consequently I hope that you would take into consideration our thoughts and opinion about him, as well his wife, son, parents, sister who are very desperate. You would appreciate that his parents have not had a chance to see their son for almost a year now, his wife and his son only a few times.

As I tried to explain above Hakan Atilla is a very hardworking, honest person and very smart. He knows his job very well and having him again in the business circle would be a great asset not only for him and his family but also for the International financial community.

Having worked with Hakan Atilla for 10 years and considering him a friend what I would like to express most importantly is that;

-He is a person who is extremely dedicated to his work, his family and the people he works with

He is honest and trustworthy

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I thank you once again for taking time to read this letter and giving us the opportunity to express our feelings while making your decision.

Yours Sincerely,

Selin Alakustekin

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REDACTED/Istanbul/Turkey

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02/06/2018, Istanbul

Your Honor,

I am a married person and a father of 3 children and have been working at Halkbank for the past 25 years. I am an executive with the title of director (department manager) that is responsible for the Bank's process, quality management and norm determination(staffing). I work with 9 other mid-level colleagues of mine. My wife is also working at the bank as a Public Relations Manager. I have known Hakan Atilla as a friend for 23 years. He had started working as an Expert Assistant at the same department I worked at. Our friendship has been going on ever since that day and has gotten interrupted when he was arrested in your country. Unfortunately, since that day, I have not been able to see my friend.

Hakan's wife Burçin is also a friend of ours. They are kind-hearted, loving people who have loved each other ever since they studied together at university. Their son is the same age as my son. They are friends of the family.

Your Honor,

Even though our continents are far away from each other and our cultures are quite different, we know that certain values are universal and valid for all people. At least in our culture, "weddings" and "funerals" are considered the focal and turning points in our lives. We never forget the people who were there for us on our good days and bad days. True friends reveal themselves at times like these. Hakan's importance for me is incredible in this sense. I will carry this feeling inside me till the day I die.

What has given me this feeling is a very tragic event. I lost my first wife in July 2002. When my wife died, my daughter was 7 and my son was 5 years old. She died of a heart attack and as with any/every death the loss and complete devastation that we felt was immense. (I have another daughter with my current wife I am still married to.) Hakan and Burçin were among the first people to come to our house to comfort us when my first- wife passed away. It was not only for the first day, they had visited us several times after. Maybe they might not even remember it themselves though, but they brought my children some toys as a present. You can only understand how valuable their gesture was for the children who were traumatized at such an early age, from the sparkle in their eyes.

I will never forget this kind gesture which made my children smile and the fact they showed them such affection towards my children helped ease them and made them feel that they were not alone.

Apart from many years of professional relationship, both of us also contributed to the Bank Experts Association as members. Our joint efforts for the soccer team, which can be considered amateur, experiencing winning and losing together has increased the value of our friendship. He is very valuable to us and has never disappointed us in any way.

Your Honor,

Hakan is the graduate of the same university and faculty that I graduated from. It is a public university. For our entire lives, we have been taught to be honest, content with what we have, loyal to our state and country and to respect and love all the people. We have been taught not to violate other people's rights and to not go to bed on a full-stomach when our neighbors are hungry at the same time. That is what we have been used to seeing when growing up. We have started our lives basically from scratch. Our own earnings were enough for us. We have never had the desire to eye other people's interest or money!

We trust your justice and would like to see our friend among us as soon as possible.

REDACTEDIstanbul TURKEY

Yours sincerely,

Address: REDACTED [signature]

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Sayin Vorgis, 1stanbul,
Ben Türkiye Halk Bakasında 25 yıldır qalışan, evli ve 3 qocuk babası biriyim. Barkada seneq kalife ve norm kazırc hesaplama direktürü blarak görev japyorum. Burisleri orla kadıme intericisi olardı. Sarkadayında birlikte yürü tüğanıb. Esinde barkanın Halka ilişkler direktürü dör Kadanın birimde uzman yardıması ilk görevine barın qalıştışını birimde uzman yardıması volorek bişlamıştır. O sander Leri siren dostluğumuz, ülkerizdekt tutuklamaya kadar davan etmiştir. Maalesef o görden ber arkadasımı, dostumu yörmi-yerum Hakarin eşi Burcin harında aynı zamenda keri doşlumuz dur. Onlar keraker akıdıkları üniversitedin doşlumuz dur. Onlar keraker akıdıkları üniversitedin başlayarak birbirlerini ve insaları seven iyi kalplı kirlerdir Oşalları, berim oğlum ile ağnı yaş kalalıp, aile dostlarımızdır.

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02/13/2018

Honorable Judge Berman,

I am Gonul Arcasoy. I work at the Halkbank Headquarters. I am married and have a son. I have known Hakan Atilla for nearly 20-25 years. His wife Burcin is also a close friend of mine. I know almost the entire family of Hakan Atilla and his wife's family.

I have spent a lot of time with Hakan Atilla both at work and in my social life. He is very hardworking, compassionate, loving, good-hearted and tolerant. He is very devoted to the traditions and to his family. He is a very good husband, a great father, and an excellent friend. He is a friend you can approach without hesitation when you are in trouble. Like himself, his family members are also very kind, loving, modest, and honorable people. We have spent a lot of time with him and his family. Hakan Atilla loves helping and making the children and the elderly happy.

Hakan Atilla loves nature and animals, and is considerate about the environment. We used to sometimes go on picnics together on the weekends, and he would tell the children about the nature and also clean things up like rubbish that is harmful to the environment. He would always do things that benefit the community. He loved painting and fishing.

My family and I had great times with Hakan Atilla and his family, and we miss those days dearly now. We would like to kindly ask you to be empathic towards Hakan Atilla.

Hakan Atilla is a kind-hearted, honest person that is rarely found. He is a fantastic friend with good morals. He is the kind of person that would share his food with someone in need without giving it a second thought.

Hakan Atilla has done many good things for me and lots of people like me. I cannot, and will not, forget them ever.

Your Honor, Hakan Atilla is a compassionate person who helps and does favors for those he may not even necessarily know. Hakan Atilla is a respected person. He is an honest, kind and good-hearted individual with principles, character, and style. However, he can only regain the reputation he lost while being in prison only by being released from prison. For this reason, please do not keep him away from his home and his family, and those that love him, Your Honor. Please do not give him a sentence.

I still cannot believe that Hakan Atilla is so far away from us – from his home, his wife, his son, his family, his friends, and his loved ones. How could something like this happen? I would not even have believed such a situation if I had seen it in a dream even. It is so saddening

and so hard to believe that such an honest, decent, pure and proper person is in a prison so far far away.

Your Honor, if we, as his friends, are so deeply upset and saddened by, and concerned about him, just think about how his family - his wife, son, mother, father, and sister - must feel. They are all devastated and miserable from sorrow. They have literally forgotten how to smile. His son is a young, pure boy full of hope. The amount of suffering and misery he has gone through at this age is quite unbelievable. While his father is in prison over there, how is he supposed to go to school and focus on his studies and in his courses? How is he supposed to pass? I pray for Hakan Atilla and his family every day. I wish for him to be reunited with his loved ones at once. I am hopefully, anxiously and eagerly waiting for the bad days to be over, just for the sake of all the good he has done. I am waiting for him to return to his home and to his family. I plead your permission for to allow this to happen.

Please Your Honor, show Hakan Atilla sympathy and do not give him a sentence. He is a very decent, honest, proper, and honorable person. For God's sake -the love of God, please show him mercy.

We, his friends and loved ones will always love him. We are praying for him to come back home soon. Inshallah, God willing, we hope that you will be merciful towards him and you will give him back to us.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Gönül ARCASOY

REDACTED

REDACTED/ Ankara

13.02,2018

### Sour Habim Berman,

Ben Genil Arcasay Halkbook Genel Middolikte geneu gopygonan. Euligim bin oglam von Hakon Atillayı yaklasık 20.25 yıldın toniyonam. Eşi Bançın de tokin onbadasımdın Hakon Atillo'nin eyinin ve kondizinin neredeyde bütün Albani donyonam.

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### **REDACTED**

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Your Honor,

I am a 49-year-old Turkish Republic citizen. I have a wife and a 12-year-old son and I have been working at HalkBank for 19 years.

We have been working at the same bank with Mr. Mehmet Hakan Atilla. For the last 10 years, we have been frequently interacting with each other at work, regardless of working in the same department or not.

Mr. Atilla is a dutiful, kind-hearted, truthful, honest person who values justice. He has established a merit-based management approach in all the departments he had managed.

Your Honor,

Mr. Atilla is "a good person" in the exact sense that it is often mentioned in the Torah, the Psalms and our holy book The Quran.

Hakan Atilla carries all the required, desired, common values of humanity. Mr. ATILLA is one of the few people I know whose whole private life consists of his wife and his son. He is respectful and loving to the people around him and he respects the ideas and values of everyone.

Mr. Hakan ATILLA was the person who was by my side at my mother and fathers funeral, whom I lost very suddenly and unexpectedly. The funeral was held in another city but he still attended without caring about the distance and the time.

Mr. Hakan ATILLA believes in fate. That is why he would never divert from the truth mentioned in the holy books and he would always defend his values and the truth. Mr. ATILLA is a person who says, "I will always be honest and stick by/to the truth regardless of the consequences".

Mr. ATILLA is a person whom he and his family are always in our prayers. We pray so that he can reunite with his family as soon as possible.

Mr. Hakan ATILLA is the "subject" of all our talks and conversations even if he is not present. The support and love of all the Turkish people are with him. Nobody can say that he has behaved immorally, or treated someone unfairly, nor has performed malpractice or hurt anybody. Unlike some people, he would never go against his values.

Your honor, we are people who believe in destiny, we assume that you believe in it, too. Your Honor, life is short. We believe that doing the right thing for this person, who has never digresses/nor diverted from what is right and "who has never done anything haram or in other

words unkosher like spending a single lira belonging to someone else" as it has been stated before in the process and which is also considered a pillar of our religion. It should be an easy decision. We want to believe that you have the tender-heart to make a decision that would reunite him with his spouse, and child and all of us.

One can write and say many more things about Mr. ATILLA. We believe in justice and in the truth and in what is right. We believe with all our hearts that a judge with such expertise as yourself will not deny/deprive us from such compassion and mercy.

"May God Almighty-Mighty ALLAH" be "the companion and guide" to us all.

Yours sincerely,

Address: REDACTED

ISTANBUL

02.06.2018 Mehmet Hakan ATAS {Signed} Sayın Hakim,

49 yaşındayım, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti vatandaşıyım, bir eşim ve 12 yaşında bir oğlum var, 19 yıldır. Türkiye Halk Bankasında çalışmaktayım.

Sayın Mehmet Hakan Atilla'yla aynı bankada görev yapmaktayız ve yaklaşık 10 yıldır aynı veya farklı pozisyonlarda da olsa yapmakta olduğumuz işin bir gereği olarak çok sık görüşmekte idik.

Sayın Atilla, işine bağlı, sevecen, adalete önem veren, liyakat üzerine kurguladığı yöneticilik anlayışı yönetmekte olduğu tüm birimlerde benimsenmiş, doğru, dürüst ve ahlaklı bir insandır.

Sayın Hakim,

Sayın Atilla, Tevrat, Zebur ve kutsal kitabimiz Kuran-ı Kerim de de sıklıkla bahsedildiği şekliyle "iyi İnsandır".

İnsanlığın ortak değerleri ne ise, ne olmalıysa işte orada Hakan Atilla'da var. Eşi ve oğlu dışında özel bir hayat kavramı olmayan, çevresine saygılı ve sevgi gösteren, herkesin düşünce ve değerlerine saygı gösteren kim var derseniz hayatım boyunca tanıdığım birkaç insandan biridir Sayın ATILLA.

Ani şekilde kaybettiğim, anne ve babamın defni bir başka şehirde yapılırken, mesafe ve zaman gözetmeksizin defin anında yanımda olan kişidir Sayın Hakan ATİLLA.

Kadere inanan kişidir, kadercidir Sayın Hakan ATİLLA, doğrulardan, kutsal kitaplarda yazan/yazılan doğrudan bu nedenle vazgeçmemiştir, değerlerini ve doğrularını bu nedenle savunmuştur. Ucunda ne olursa olsun doğrularımdan vazgeçmem diyecek, demiş kişidir Sayın Atilla.

Her gün kendisi ve ailesi için, ailesine bir an önce kavuşması için ailece dualar ettiğimiz kişidir Sayın ATILLA.

Kendisi olmasa da yaptığımız sohbetlerdeki "öznedir" Sayın Hakan ATİLLA. Tüm Türkiye'nin kalbi ve sevgisi onun yanında. Bir kişi onun için ahlaksız yaptı diyemez, haksızlık yaptı diyemez, görevini kötüye kullandı, zarar verdi diyemez, bir başkası gibi değerlerine ihanet etmez, etmemiştir Sayın Hakan ATİLLA.

Biz kadere inananlardanız Sayın Hakim, Sizin de öyle olduğunuzu görüyor ve izliyoruz. İnsan hayatı kısa Sayın Hakim, kendini bu kadar net ifade eden, doğrulardan ayrılmayan, süreçte de ifade edildiği şekliyle bizim inancımıza göre "bir lira haram boğazından geçmemiş" Sayın Hakan ATİLLA 'nın bu kısa hayatı Sizin elinizde, eşine, çocuğuna ve bizlere onu kavuşturmak bu kadar zor olmasa gerek. Sizin bu yüreği, kalbi taşıdığınıza inanmak istiyoruz.

Sayın ATİLLA'yla ilgili çok daha fazla şey yazabilir, çok daha fazla şey anlatabiliriz, biz adalete inanan insanlardanız, hakka ve adalete. Sizin tecrübenizdeki bir hakiminde bu hoşgörüyü bizlerden esirgemeyeceğinizi düşünüyor, kalben inanıyoruz.

"Yüce RABBİM" hepimizin "yar ve yardımcısı olsun"

Saygılarımla,

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REDACTED/ISTANBUL

Istanbul, 2/8/2017

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Your Honor,

My name is Elif Aydın. I am 34 years old. I have been serving as Mehmet Hakan Atilla's assistant since October 13, 2015. Currently, I am working as an assistant at the Deputy General Management of Treasury and International Banking. First of all, I would like you to know that I am writing this letter from the bottom of my heart and will only tell the truth. Even though, the assistant position was my first work experience, he was extremely patient with me, he taught me the job and he guided me about everything with his discipline at work. I can say that I have learned a lot from him. He has always approached me like a member of my own family, like a brother or a father rather than as an executive.

He is a spiritual person. I am separated from my husband and my son lives in another city with his father. He always gave me the permission to visit my son anytime I wanted. He has always said, "Do not stay away from your son. Go, spend time with him."

Apart from ensuring unity and collaboration in our unit, he has also provided us, his employees, with a peaceful working environment. He does not discriminate anyone, listens to everyone's problems and always tries to help them find a solution. Mr. Hakan is a very important and valuable person to me, therefore I am very unhappy to see him in this current situation and it upsets me terribly. Mr. Hakan likes people who are direct. I know that he has no place for lies in his life, and he does not forgive liars. When I worked with him I have observed and felt that he is a well-liked and respected person by his family, his friends, work colleagues at the unit, security officers at the bank and even the employees in the kitchen. I especially understood this better after this such unfortunate event he is going through. He had an active social life which included his family and friends. He would go to the gym almost every day as long as he had time. I am thinking to myself: How could a person who is so kind, so benevolent and honest ever be in such a situation? I cannot wrap my head around it.

In his absence, I had the chance to get to know his wife, his son, Mr. Hakan's parents, his mother and father –in law, in other words his entire family, closely. I am so happy to know such a naïve, devoted, and decent perfect family. They have always treated me as one of their own. I am glad to have known them. I love Mr. Hakan and his family very much. His family is going through such an extremely hard time. I have personally been of witness of that. Your Honor, I genuinely hope and wish from the bottom of my heart, that you can reunite this perfect family again.

I would like to reiterate that; we all love them very much. His family, friends, employees -all of us herereally need him. We very much feel his absence. I hope that my executive, the person whom I call my father and brother; will be able to be reunited once again with his loved ones.

Yours sincerely,

REDACTED Elif AYDIN

REDACTED - Istanbul / Turkey

[signature]

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312 Istanbul 08.02.2017

Sayın Hakim,

Adım Elif Aydın, 34 yaşındayım. Sayın Mehmet Hakan Atilla'nın 13 Ekim 2015 tarihinden bu yana asistanlığını yapmaktayım. Şu anda Hazine Yönetimi ve Uluslararası Bankacılık Genel Müdür Yardımcılığı'nda asistan olarak görevime devam etmekteyim. Öncelikle bu mektubu en içten duygularımla ve sadece doğruları söylemek üzere yazdığımı bilmenizi istiyorum. Asistanlıkta ilk iş deneyimim olmasına rağmen bana gösterdiği sabrı, işi öğretmesi, işteki disiplini her şeyiyle yol gösteren biriydi. Ondan çok şey öğrendim diyebilirim. Yöneticiden çok her zaman ailemden bir birey gibi, ağabey gibi, baba gibi yaklaşmıştır.

Maneviyatı yüksek bir insandır. Eşimden ayrıyım ve oğlum babasıyla şehir dışında yaşıyor. Her istediğim zamanda şehir dışına oğlumun yanına gidebilmem için izni olmuştur. Oğlundan ayrı kalma git vakit geçir demiştir.

Birimimizdeki birlik ve beraberliği sağlamasının yanı sıra, huzurlu bir çalışma ortamını da biz çalışanlarına sunmuştur. İnsan ayırt etmeksizin herkesin derdini dinler ve her zaman çözüm üretme konusunda yardımcı olur. Hakan Bey benim için oldukça önemli ve değerli bir insan, bu sebeple bulunduğu şu anki durumundan çok mutsuz ve çok üzgünüm. Hakan Bey insanlarda netliği sever, yalanın onun dünyasında yeri olmadığını biliyorum ve yalan söyleyene affi yoktur. Benim gördüğüm ve hissettiğim ailesi, arkadaşları, birimindeki çalışanları, bankadaki güvenlik görevlileri, mutfakta görev yapan çalışanlara kadar herkes tarafından çok sevilen ve saygıdeğer bulunan bir insandır. Bunu özellikle bu yaşadığı talihsiz olaydan sonra çok daha iyi anladım. Sosyal hayatında ailesiyle ve arkadaşlarıyla bolca vakit geçiren biriydi. Her gün müsait olduğu sürece düzenli spora giderdi. Düşünüyorum da bu kadar iyi, yardımsever ve dürüst birinin bu halde olmasını aklım almıyor.

Onun yokluğunda eşini, oğlunu, Hakan Bey'in anne ve babasını, eşinin anne ve babasını kısaca ailesini daha yakından tanıma firsatım oldu. O kadar naif, birbirine bağlı, düzgün ve mükemmel bir aileyi tanıdım ki bundan çok mutluyum. Bana her zaman aileden biri gibi yaklaşmışlardır. İyi ki tanımışım. Hakan Bey'i ve ailesini çok seviyorum. Ailesi çok zor zamanlardan geçiyor. Buna bizzat ben şahidim. Sayın Hakim, bu mükemmel ötesi aileyi kavuşturmanızı yürekten diliyorum ve çok istiyorum.

Yine söylüyorum onları hepimiz çok seviyoruz. Burada ailesinin, arkadaşlarının, çalışanlarının ona çok ihtiyacı var. Eksikliğini fazlasıyla hissediyoruz. Umarım en yakın zamanda yöneticim, ağabeyim, babam dediğim insanı sevdiklerine kavuşturmanız dileğiyle,

Saygılarımla,

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REDACTED- Istanbul / Turkey

**Elif AYDIN** 

February 13, 2018

#### HONORABLE RICHARD M. BERMAN

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

500 Pearl St.

New York, NY 10007-1312

#### Honorable Judge Berman,

I am a banker who had worked as a Deputy General Manager between the years of 2009-2016 in Macedonia, first at REDACTED Bank AD Skopje during the years 2009-2012, then at Halkbank AD Skopje during 2012-2016 time period. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. M. Hakan Atilla when he was the president of the Supervisory Board of Halkbank AD Skopje.

I had started my banking career in 1994 at REDACTEDBank as a specialist. I worked in the specialist position at the Capital Markets Department; also, as the director and division manager position in the Risk Management Department. While I was the division manager at the Risk Management Department in 2009, I was appointed to the Deputy Assistant Manager position in Skopje Macedonia as an expat. Throughout my banking career I took part in various training sessions and seminars in your country at the New York Institute of Finance as well as at the University of Reading International Market Association Center in England. I also worked as a stock-bond dealer of REDACTED Bank at the Istanbul Stock Exchange. In the year 2011, after the merger decision of Halkbank AD Skopje and REDACTED Bank AD Skopje in Macedonia, I quit my position at REDACTED Bank AD Skopje and continued my banking career as Deputy General Manager at Halkbank AD Skopje.

I had first met Mr. M. Hakan Atilla who everyone mentioned with admiration, prior to the merger phase in Macedonia and later I had the honor and pleasure of working with him. Mr. M. Hakan Atilla played a crucial role in my transfer to Halkbank AD Skopje. Unfortunately, I am following his trial in your Court through the media and I can by no means associate such a thing to him. I can never believe that Mr. M Hakan Atilla can/could commit any kind of a crime and can be associated with anything criminal; I can never believe that he can/could do anything unethical. Mr. M. Hakan Atilla is an extremely dependable, honest, very knowledgeable and experienced, professional bank executive. After starting to work with him I also came to realize that he is a very competent manager and a very good friend. He is one of the most successful and esteemed high level bank executives of our country and he is well respected within the whole banking community. His reliable, sincere, humane approach played an important role in my transfer from REDACTED Bank to Halkbank AD Skopje.

Mr. M. Hakan Atilla was predominately authorized and responsible for the merger of two banks with Turkish capital and he managed this difficult and complex merger process very efficiently by planning in the most effective, objective and productive manner and by directing the staff of the two banks in the right direction; thus completing the merger process without any problems. During this process, as a bank

executive with extensive international banking knowledge and expertise he gained the admiration of everyone who got to know him including the Macedonian Banking Authorities and the internal bank staff through his humane and objective approach.

During the period we worked on the Supervisory Board of Halkbank AD Skopje Mr. M. Hakan Atilla took the initiative regarding a newly purchased bank going through merger process a and he made the correct strategic decisions that carried the Halkbank AD Skopje to an important level within the Macedonian Banking Sector. In order to carry the bank to a higher level he guided the whole banking staff, motivated them, created a team spirit within the bank with his humane, respectful and sincere attitude. Mr. M. Hakan Atilla had taught me a lot about banking and about being a manager during the time we worked together. He was also great support to me as a friend and great help during my difficult times at the beginning. In his private life he is very loyal to his family; he is an extremely bright intellectual with hobbies; he is very sensitive to the problems of others. All of these characteristics made him loved by all of us. Besides being very attentive in his business life I later observed that he is very fond of his wife and son and has a balanced and very loving family life. His success comes from his hard work, his knowledge, his intelligence and what he values in life. In every level he worked at the bank he first considered the good and respectable for the bank and for years he worked devotedly there. He is one of the most respectable bankers I know who is loyal to the bank, who is reliable, who loves what he does and does it in the best way possible. Mr. M. Hakan Atilla's honest and sensitive personality, his banking knowledge and experience made him one of the most distinguished banker executives of our country. Our country needs bankers like him and unfortunately the time he spends incarcerated is a big loss in terms of productivity both for our country and for the banking world. Additionally, keeping him in this situation is devastating for his family emotionally and very destructive for their reputation and creates irreparable, irreplaceable financial and moral loss. This phase he is going through extremely dismays all of us, his friends and colleagues who sincerely love and respect him. We all feel enormously incomplete and unfortunate without him.

I would like to ask the Court to be tolerant towards Mr. M. Hakan Atilla. He is an extremely honest and gracious person who is very sensitive and helpful to the others and the community. Mr. M. Hakan Atilla is a very special person. I respectfully ask you to be compassionate and not to sentence him to any prison time.

Yours sincerely,

**AYSE NUR AYTEMIZ** 

{SIGNED}

#### 12 SUBAT 2018

#### THE HONORABLE RÌCHARD M. BERMAN

United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Peral St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Sayın Hakim Mr. Berman,

REDACTED

Ben 2009-2016 yılları arasında Makedonya'da, önce 2009-2012 arasında — Banka AD Skopje, ardından 2012-2016 yılları arasında Halkbank AD Skopje'de Genel Müdür Yardımcısı pozisyonunda çalışmış bir bankacıyım. Sayın M. Hakan Atilla, Gözetim Kurulu Başkanı olarak çalıştığı Halkbank AD Skopje'de birlikte çalışmaktan onur duyduğum bir arkadaşımdır.

Bankası'nda uzman olarak başladım. Aynı kurumda Sermaye Piyasaları Müdürlüğü'nde uzman, Risk Yönetimi Daire Başkanlığı'nda Yönetimen ve Bölüm Müdürü pozisyonlarında çalıştım. Risk Yönetimi Daire Başkanlığı'nda Bölüm Müdürü iken 2009 yılında Makedonya Üsküp'e expat olarak Genel Müdür Yardımcısı pozisyonunda atandım. Bankacılık kariyerim boyunca ülkeniz New York İnstitute of Finance, İngiltere'de University of Reading-International Market Association Center'da eğitim ve seminer çalışmalarının yanı sıra İstanbul Menkul Kıymetler Borsası'nda T.C. Bankası Tahvil-Bono Dealer'ı olarak da görev yaptım. 2011 yılında Makedonya'da Halkbank AD Skopje ile REDACTED Banka AD Skopje birleşme kararıyla da T.C. Bankası'ndan ayrılarak Halkbank AD Skopje'de Genel Müdür Yardımcısı olarak bankacılık görevime devam ettim.

Makedonya'da olan banka birleşme süreci öncesinde herkesin takdırle bahsettiği ve o süreçte tanıştığım ve daha sonra da birlikte çalışma onuruna eriştiğim Sayın M. Hakan Atilla ile de ilk olarak orada tanıştım. Sayın M. Hakan Atilla benim Halkbank AD Skopje'ye transfer olmanıda etken olan en önemli kişidir. Kendisinin halihazırda mahkemenizde bir dava ile yargılanmasına maalesef medyadan izlemekte ve bunu asla yakıştırmamaktayım. Sayın M. Hakan Atilla'nın herhangi bir

konuda suç işleyebileceğine veya bir suçla ilişkilendirilebileceğine, etik olmayan bir şey yapabileceğine asla inanmamaktayım. Sayın M. Hakan Atilla'nın son derece güvenilir, dürüst, profesyonel, alanında çok bilgili ve tecrübeli bir bankacı olmasının yanı sıra çalıştığımız süre boyunca ne kadar iyi bir yönetici ve iyi bir arkadaş olduğuna da tanık oldum. Kendisi ülkemizin en başarılı ve saygın üst düzey banka yöneticilerinden biridir ve tüm bankacılık camiasında bilgisi, başarıları, zekası ve dürüst kişiliği ile saygı görür. Ayrıca güvenilirliği, samimi ve insancıl yaklaşımı benim T.C. REDACTED Bankası'ndan Halk Bank AD Skopje'ye transfer olmamda önemli bir etken olmuştur.

Snyın M. Hakan Atilla Makedonya'da iki Türk sermayeli bankanın birleşme sürecinde en yetkili ve sorumlu kişilerinden biri olarak, her iki bankanın ekibini doğru yönlendirerek ve planlayarak tüm zorlu ve karmaşık süreci en etkin, objektif, verimli ve doğru şekilde yönetmiş ve birleşmenin sorunsuz olarak tamamlanmasını sağlamıştır. Bu süreçte gerek Makedonya Bankacılık Makamları ile ilişkilerinde üst düzey yönetici olarak uluslararası bankacılık bilgi ve tecrübesi, gerekse de banka içi personeli ile ilişkilerinde insancıl ve objektif tavrı ile tüm tanıyanlarda hayranlık uyandırmıştır.

Sayın M. Hakan Atilla'nın Halkbank AD Skopje Gözetim Kurulu Başkanı olarak çalıştığımız süre boyunca, orum yabancı bir ülkede yeni satın alınan ve birleşme sürecinde olan bir bankanın geleceği hakkında inisiyatif alarak doğru stratejik kararlar alması, bankayı Makedonya Bankacılık Sektörü'nde önemli bir noktaya taşımıştır. Bankanın üst bir noktaya taşınması konusunda tüm banka personelini yönlendirmiş, motive etmiş, bilgisinin yanı sıra insancıl, saygılı ve samimi yaklaşınu ve dayranışlarıyla bankada bir takım ruhu yaratmıştır. Yardımseyer, içten, nazik ve objektif tutumuyla da en alt seviyeden başlayarak tüm banka personelinde hayranlık, sevgi ve savgı uyandırmıştır. Çalıştığım süre boyunca kendisinden bankacılık ve yöneticilik hakkında çok şey öğrendiğim Sayın M. Hakan Atılla, zaman içerisinde arkadaş olarak da beni her zaman desteklemiş, başlangıçtaki en zor zamanlarımda yardım etmiş ve onun özel hayatında da ne kadar ailesine bağlı, entelektüel, son derece zeki, hobileri olan ve insanlara ve onların problemlerine çok duyarlı bir insan olarak da sevgimizi kazanmıştır. İşine çok önem vermesinin yanı sıra ailesine, eşine ve oğluna olan düşkünlüğünü eşim tamymez aile olarak da dengeli ve sevgi dolu bir aile olduğuna da tanık oldum. Başarısı, bu değerlere bağlılığı, çalışkanlığı, bilgisi ve zekasının sonucudur. Bankacılıkta çalıştığı her kademede her zaman bankanın yararını ve saygınlığını düşünmüş ve yıllarca fedakarca çalışmıştır. Bankaya ve sorumluluklarına bağlı, işini çok severek ve iyi yapan tanıdığını en saygın bankacılardan biridir. Sayın M. Hakan Atilla'nın dürüst ve duyarlı kişiliği, bankacılık bilgisi ve deneyimi ile entelektüel şahsiyeti, onu ülkemizde saygın bankacıları arasına sokmuş olup, ülkemizde onun gibi bankacılara ihtiyaç bulunmakta ve hapse atıldığı takdirde geçirdiği zaman onun üretkenliğini ülkemiz ve

bankacılık sektörü adına maalesef ki büyük bir kayıp ihimali yaratmaktadır. Ayrıca onun böyle bir pozisyonda alıkonulması ailesi için halihazırda duygusal ve itibar açısından büyük bir yıkım teşkil etmekte olup, hapiste olması durumu hem maddi hem de manevi açıdan yeri doldurulamaz ve onulmaz bir kayıp oluşturmaktadır. Onun bu durumu, bizim gibi onu içtenlikle seven ve sayan tüm arkadaşları ve yakınları ve tüm sevenleri için de büyük bir üzüntü kaynağı olup, eksikliği hepimiz için büyük bir eksiklik ve talihsizliktir.

Sizden ricamız, bu kadar topluma ve diğer insanlara duyarlı ve yararlı, iyi niyetli, dürüsi ve son derece özel bir insan olan Sayın M. Hakan Atilla'nın hoşgörülerek hapis cezası verilmemesi konusunu en içten dileklerimizde takdirlerinize sunarız.

Saygılarımla,

AYSE NUR AYTEMIZ

01/31/2018

Your Honor,

My name is Nazmi BAGDINLI. I am 47 years old. I live in Istanbul and I am a banker. I have been working in the banking sector for 22 years and at Halkbank for the last 7 years. Currently, I work as a Regional Coordinator in Istanbul.

I would like to share a couple of things I know about Mehmet Hakan Atilla with you.

I met Hakan after I started working at Halkbank. I have known him for seven years.

During this period, I have had the opportunity to get to know his wife, Burcin, and his son, Burkan, closely. Firstly, I want to share my impressions regarding Hakan's family and what kind of a father he is. Hakan is an amazing family man. He has a family that is very much envied by everyone. He is an ideal father who loves his wife and son very much and works so hard to do the best for them. His son studies at Koc University, one of the best universities in Turkey and it is not a university that you can get in just by paying for it, you have to be well-educated and prepared to do so. I, personally, witnessed the sacrifices Hakan had made both morally and financially in order to get his son to study in that university. If you ask me what is the best way to raise a child both in terms of education and humane values, I would give Burkan as an example. A wonderful child like this can only be raised by such amazing parents.

The family has a modest lifestyle, they are moderate people. I have never seen them living a luxurious life.

In terms of his relationship with his friends, Hakan is a friendly, self-sacrificing, helpful person. Believe me, he really is a nice person. If you would become friends with him, you would really like him and you would agree with me about everything I said about him.

Your Honor,

I kindly request you to be lenient in your decision so that he could reunite with his wife, son and his loved ones, only then this family could be complete again.

Yours sincerely,
Nazmi BAGDINLI {Signed}

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Sayın Hakim,

Len Moami Laspinici, 47 yaşındayım, İstanbul'da yaşıyorum ve bontacıyım. 12 yıldır bontacılık mesleyindeyim ve son yedi yıdır Halk Lankavnda çalışıyorum. Hali hazında İstanbul'da Bölge Loordiratici'i doak çalışıyorum.

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Baygilormia Xlazmi BAGPINICI

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February 8, 2018

Honorable Judge,

After I graduated from the university in 2008, I took the entry exams of HalkBank and I started working in the Department of the Investor Relations which was led by Mr. Atilla.

Mr. Atilla was the first director and first mentor of my career. I feel so lucky that my first experience into the business life was under his guidance. In this sense, all of his contributions to my professional life still brightens my way today. He is a very special director who is openminded, creative, meticulous and honest. His attitude towards his co-workers and people he meets within the business framework is based on trust, without discriminating their status or beliefs.

Mr. Atilla has a very special place in my private life as well as my professional life. I would like to elaborate on this. In the very year I started working, I had lost my father. Mr. Atilla treated me with a fatherly affection; he guided me and helped me to hold on to life again. He was with me in all my happy times and all my bad days, and he always supported me. When I got married in 2011, he accepted to be my official wedding witness, acting like a father figure one more time. As I always asked his advice and I trusted his opinion and his guidance in every aspect, he encouraged me and my husband to become a homeowner and he was conducive to that end. We shared the news of my pregnancy first with him and his lovely wife Ms. Burcin because I consider them family and they shared our joy in this happy moment. During their visit after the birth of my son, he also acted like a brother figure to my husband and gave him support. My son is about to turn one years old and I feel the absence of Mr. Atilla even more after becoming a mother. I know that there are so many things that REDACTED (my son) can learn from him in terms of character and competency.

In addition to these, Mr. Atilla belongs to the best and most exemplary family I have ever known. He has a benevolent and modest wife who shares the same worldview with him and a successful son who is very loyal to his family. I feel very lucky that each and every one of them is a part of my family.

All of us, his family first and foremost, very much feel his absence. He is a real friend, a man of this world. I look forward to reuniting with him at the earliest time and I seek refuge in your compassion and understanding.

Yours sincerely, {SIGNED} Derya ZEYNEP BAYRAMOGLU Assistant Manager

Turkiye Halk Bankasi A.S.

08.02.2018

Sayın Hakim,

2008 yılında üniversiteden mezun olduktan sonra T. Halkbankası A.Ş'nin sınavlarına girerek 2008 yılı Aralık ayında Hakan bey'in Daire Başkanı olduğu Yatırımcı İlişkileri Bölümünde işe başladım.

Hakan bey benim meslek hayatımın ilk yöneticisi, ilk yol göstericisidir. Ne şanslıyım ki, iş hayatımda her şeyi ilk kez kendisinin yol göstermesiyle deneyimledim. Bu anlamda bana kattıkları hala yolumu aydınlatmaktadır. Kendisi yeniliklere açık, yaratıcı, titiz, dürüst ve çok özel bir yöneticidir. Gerek iş arkadaşlarına yaklaşımı gerek iş vesilesi ile görüştüğü kişilere yaklaşımı, statü farkı, inanç farkı gözetmeksizin güven ilişkisine dayanmaktadır.

Hakan bey iş hayatımın yanında özel hayatımda da benim için çok kıymetlidir. Biraz bundan bahsetmek isterim. İşe başladığım yıl babamı yeni kaybetmiştim, kendisi bana bir baba şefkatiyle yaklaşıp yol göstermiş benim tekrar hayata tutunmama vesile olmuş her mutlu anımda ve ihtiyacım olduğu her kötü günümde yanımda olmuş ve beni her zaman desteklemiştir. 2011 yılında evlendiğim zaman beni kırmayıp bana tekrar babalık yapıp nikah şahitliğimi yapmıştır. Kendisine her konuda danışıp görüşlerine ve yol göstericiliğine güvendiğim için ev sahibi olmam konusunda da beni ve eşimi çok cesaretlendirmiş ve bizim ev sahibi olmamıza vesile olmuştur. Allemizden biri olduğu için oğluma hamile olduğum zaman bu mutlu haberi ilk kez kendisi ve çok sevdiğim eşi Burçin hanım'la paylaşmış, bizim en mutlu anımıza şahitlik yaparak heyecanımızı ve mutluluğumuzu paylaşmıştır. Doğumdan sonra bize bulundukları ziyarette eşime de çok fazla destek olmuş, ağabeylik yapmıştır. Oğlum şimdi 1 yaşına girmek üzere ve ben Hakan bey'in eksikliğini oğlumla birlikte çok daha fazla hissediyorum, REDACTED in (oğlum) karakter ve yetenek olarak kendisinden öğreneceği çok şey olduğunu biliyorum.

Bunların yanında Hakan bey tanıdığım en güzel en örnek aileye sahiptir. Kendisi gibi bir hayat görüşü olan, yardımsever ve mütevazı bir eşe, ailesine çok bağlı ve çok başarılı örnek bir oğula sahip. Hepsi teker teker ailemden biri olduğu için kendimi çok şanslı hissediyorum.

Hakan bey'in eksikliğini başta ailesi olmak üzere biz dostları çok fazla hissediyoruz. Kendisi gerçek bir dost bir dünya insanıdır. Kendisine en kısa zamanda kavuşmayı sabırsızlıkla bekliyor ve anlayışınıza sığınıyorum.

Saygilarimla,

Děrya Zeynep BAYRAMOĞLU

Yönetmen Yardımcısı / Assistant Manager

Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş.

February 8, 2018

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St.,
New York, NY 10007-1312

#### Dear Judge Berman:

I am Onur Bilgin and I have been working in Halkbank international banking and structured finance department. I am responsible for Halkbank's relations and operations in connection with the international financial institutions such as the World Bank and European Investment Bank. I've been working in this unit for more than eleven years as of the date of this letter. I am writing this letter to give you an insight about my relation with Mr. Hakan Atilla and his approach to his junior colleagues,

We started to work with Mr. Hakan Atilla after 2011, following his appointment as the deputy general manager responsible for international banking. The privatization process of Halkbank was expected to result in a move of its headquarters to Istanbul, and our unit was one of the most relevant for such a move since many of the institutions we have been doing business with were settled in Istanbul. The initial call for the move came by early 2013. As of that day, my son was only two and a half years old and my wife was a full-time employee of another company as well. I raised my concerns regarding such a move to Mr. Hakan Atilla, that my child was still very young and we would have no support in Istanbul in terms of nursery or daycare. As of that day, both my family and my wife's family were residing in Ankara and they were supporting us in that sense. I explained him that such move would not only render my wife unemployed but would also cause financial trouble for our family due to the costs arising in connection with living in Istanbul, a much more expensive city. Hakan Bey's approach was like a breath of fresh air. He offered me a flexible move plan that would last for almost a year and allowed me to work for four weekdays in Istanbul and go back to Ankara for Fridays and weekends, while at the same time staying at the bank's guesthouse during the weekdays. This not only allowed me to buy some career time and experience necessary for my promotion to division manager for overcoming the financial problems, but also enabled my wife to prepare the necessary ground for finding a new position in Istanbul so that we could afford a day care for our son.

in brief, Hakan Bey's sympathetic approach he showed me and my family helped us to keep our family together and helped me maintaining my career path thanks to the move to istanbul.

Respectfully you

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02/07/2018

Your Honor,

We are an ordinary Turkish family who are aware of the value of every moment a person spends with their family, children and friends. I am writing this letter with regards to my friend M. Hakan ATİLLA whose lawsuit is currently pending. I would like you to see Hakan, a person you do not know, through the eyes of one of his friends, if that is remotely possible.

Hakan has been a friend of mine for more than 20 years; we have been friends since I had started my career at the same department as Hakan. Shortly after, we set the foundations of a long and solid collaboration and friendship which is still as strong today. As a group of four likely minded friends, we shared various memories of which some were fun and some were sad.

He was with us at my wedding; he even drove our bride and groom car. We went on numerous picnics, holidays and business trips together with our children and our families and these are one of the best memories of my life which make me very happy every time I remember them...

He would rush to the hospital even for the smallest accidents which seem trivial when I think back. We are opening our private lives to you because I want you to know that Hakan is the kind of person who would not turn his back on anyone who needed his help and who makes time for those around him even if he is extremely busy or may not have the time.

While he was incarcerated over there, he did not forget to congratulate me on my promotion, he sent me flowers; he also sent his condolences to a friend who lost his child and asked how the family were doing and coping. These are a few examples that show what kind of a person Hakan is and how important he is to us.

Your Honor,

M. Hakan ATİLLA is a friend who is devoted to his family as a husband, and as a father and as a son; he is very loyal to his friends.

Even the people who do not know him very well, are all praying with us so that he can return to his wife, his son, his family and his friends.

We are asking for your mercy.

Yours sincerely,

İbrahim Okan ÇAĞLAR [signature]

Address: REDACTED

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Sayın Halim

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Hakan benim 20 yılı azkın zomendir destum iz mayatıma Hakun'la aynı serviste baladım. Kısa bir söre sonrasındı da yne iz yerinden hala dostluğumuzu sördürdüğümüz ven bir birlikteliğin temelini ettik. Hakan'ın da anı de olduğu dört kefa densi arladaz olduğu dört kefa densi arladaz olduğu dört kefa densi arladaz oldak eğlenceli, bazen hözönlü seyisiz anlar oluzturduk.

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February 5, 2018

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Your Honor.

Ankara, Turkey

I am Ersin Çeper, I am the manager of Halkbank Yenlşehir Branch in Ankara. I was born in 1963, I took the job in Halkbank in the year 1988, and I met Mehmet Hakan Atilia shortly thereafter. We both worked at the headquarters. We stayed at work for many nights together to complete the tasks that our managers had given us. During those times, I had the chance to know him closely. In time, we became like brothers. Later on, I also had the opportunity of working in the same team with his wife, Burçin Atilia. Therefore, I can say that I also know his family closely.

Mehmet Hakan Atilla is more than my assistant general manager, he is a good friend who is always there for me when I am having hard times. When my parents passed away, he was there for me. I can never forget his support. He is a very benevolent person. One time, we had friend who was a single father, his wife had passed away, and he didn't make enough money to support his daughter. That friend's daughter needed an internship position. Hakan found an internship position, and thanks to that internship, she now has a good job. Hakan gave hope to that orphaned girl for a better future.

I am also married and have two children, one teenager boy and a girl at her twenties. My girl is the same age with Hakan's son. I cannot imagine how hard it is for his son to be separate from his father, especially at this age when he tries to build his own life. He needs a good example to follow and a support to lean on when he makes a mistake but he cannot have that for longer than a year now. Hakan is a good father and he deserves to see his son grow up to be a good man.

I beg for your indulgence for my friend to return to hiscountry, to his family who miss him dearly. I hope that he'll come home soon.

Yours respectfully

Ersin Çeper

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FEBRUARY 06, 2018

Your Honor,

I was born in 1969. I am married and a father to one daughter. I have been working at Halkbank for the past 20 years. I am currently working as a branch director in Ankara. I am first and foremost, loyal to my country, then my family and finally my bank.

I first met Mehmet Hakan ATILLA back in 1997. Apart from being work colleagues for the past 20 years, our personal friendship has continued over the years without any problems. We have been there for each other in both our good days and bad days. We also socialize with our families on a regular basis.

M. Hakan ATİLLA is a good father who is <u>DEVOTED TO HIS FAMILY</u>. He is also a bureaucrat who is loyal to his institution. He is a <u>HELPFUL</u>, <u>HONEST</u> person who would do anything, within his own reach, to help his loved ones, friends and even the people he does not know if they are in a difficult situation. You can be sure that he is there to help anyone and he does not expect anything in return. During times of difficulty, the number of people one can call for help are incredibly low. However, M. Hakan ATİLLA is a <u>BENEVOLENT MAN</u> of the difficult days. Above all, he is <u>HONEST</u>, <u>HE DOES NOT LIE</u>, and most importantly, he is a <u>GOOD PERSON</u>. Your Honor, one of the most difficult things for a person, is to be away from his family, friends and country. It is even harder for a tight-knit family. For those of us who have children being away from our child/children is a very difficult thing.

We would like to see M. Hakan ATİLLA among us again as soon as possible. This could only happen by <u>YOUR GRACIOUS EFFORT</u>. Life is too short and I hope that you allow our dear and esteemed friend/brother who means a lot to us to be reunited with us again. You have our utmost trust.

Yours sincerely,

Mustafa ÇETİNER
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Ben 1969 dogumlu Juli ve bir kir Gacugu kolosiyum. Leyldir Helkbenk Golffanyim für anda Ankero'da bir şubenin yöneticisi ksirimindayını önalikle Yatanına, Allene ve bankoma baztı bir insonm

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Sayın Hakimine, Bir inson kin gilesinden ve dostlarınden, üllesinden wak olmak en zar seydir. Heleki, bilbirine simsiki bağlı olan bir aile için bu çok doha Dordun Herksin Göcuğu veretir Gocuğunden unuk. Kalmak hepimis için Cok Lovatur.

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Dear Judge Berman,

I am an employee of Halkbank. I had met Hakan Atilla, whose case is pending in your country, at the Bank nearly 18 years ago. I wanted to write this letter and tell you about my impressions of him throughout these years.

As a person who had had the opportunity to work closely with Hakan Atilla, I have always appreciated his motivation, his work ethic, his graciousness, his friendliness, his attitude towards his colleagues and his devotion to his job, family and friends. He has built good relationships both in his professional and social life. Being loyal to his friends has made him well-liked by everyone. He is a very hardworking, respectful and humane individual who does his job very well. He is a conscientious, loving, disciplined person and knows how to keep his work life separate from his private life. Being a friend and a work colleague of his is a joy and privilege and gives one the feeling of trust.

Hakan Atilla started out working at the Bank as a Deputy Specialist and moved up to one of the most senior positions in the bank thanks to his motivation, accumulation of knowledge and his determination and devotion to complete every job in the best possible way. His discipline and qualifications alongside his positive personality, moral values and conscientious and fair attitude has also had an impact on his promotion.

Hakan Atilla's love, devotion and loyalty towards his lovely wife Burçin Atilla and cherished son Burkan Atilla is very much appreciated by us all and they truly have set an example of being the ideal family. However, the current investigation is having an extremely negative impact on the family and is causing significant losses both financially and emotionally. The potential loss of reputation that they are facing is the first and foremost.

Hakan Atilla is a positive, productive, and hardworking individual. A moral and valuable person who is very much appreciated by people from all walks of life. I cannot even begin to imagine how such a wonderful person can ever display any wrong and unethical behavior or commit any crimes. The hard working member of society Hakan Atilla has always been the type of person who follows the rules and has complete respect for the law. It is really hard to believe that he can commit any crime or be incarcerated in any way for anything that he has done. Besides I cannot deem it thinkable that Hakan Atilla will possibly violate any law in the future, either.

Honorable Judge Berman, I have tried to describe Hakan Atilla's personality to you. He is a very decent and reliable friend whom we love very much and who has won our hearts with his honest, kind-hearted, hardworking, moral, friendly and decent character and his commitment to the law. I politely ask you to be lenient on him and I hope he will not be sentenced with any prison time. 02/12/2018

Yours sincerely,

Ayçelen ORAL ÇİNİCİ

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Address:

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Sayın Hakim Berman,

Ben bir Halkbankası adışanıyım Svenda ülkenizde bir suqtan dolayı sualu bulunup yargılanmakta olan Hakan Atilla ile çalısma hayatımda tanıstım. Yaklasık 18 yıllık tanısıklığımız beyunca kendisi hakkında edindiğim bilgiler konusunda size bu mektubu yazmak i stedim

Hakan Atilla ile yakından çalışma Jirsatini bolmuş bir insan elenak; kendisinin aalısma azmini, is ahlakını, isine bağlılığını, ailesine, destlarına, is arkadeslarına elen tutumunu, nezakelini ve sevecenliğini hep taktir ettim Hem is, hem de sosyal hayatta kurmuş elduğu iği ilişki len, dostlarına elen bağlılığı herkes tanafından sevilmesine neden elmoştur Kendisi çok çalışkan, isine hakim, saygılı, insani yönü çok gelişmiş bir kisidir Vicdanlıdır, sevecendir, isi le özel hayatını ayırmasını bilir, dislplinlidir onunla çalışmak, onunla dost olmak insana güven verir, geraekten büyük zevletin.

Hakan Atilla'nın çalışma azmijişine hatimiyeti ve yaptığı'isi en'iyi sekilde tamamlaması Uzman Vardımcısı olanak girdiği Bankamızda en üst düzeylere olaşmasına neden olmuştur. Bu noktor ya olaşmasında, disliplinli aalışma ve tecerisinin yanısına sergilediği olumlu kisilik, ahlaki yapısı, vicdanlı ve hakkariyetli totumo da etlili olmuştur

Toplum hayatında örnek cile olarak gösterilebilecek Atilla A'ilesi'nde; Hokan Atilla'nın cok seudigi esi Burain Atilla ve gözbe begi, biricik oğlu Burkan Atilla'ya olan İlgisi, sevgisi ve bağlılığı da gercekten tektir edilecek düzeydedir. Ancak söz konusu sonuşturna cileyi son derece olumsuz etkilemekte, maddi ve duygusal anlamda büyük kayıplara ne den olmaktadır. Yasanan itibar kaybi ise hepsinin önüne gecmektedir.

Bøylesine olumlu, verimli, toplumen takdirini kazanmis, aaliskan igi ahlakli ve cok krymetli bir insanin, Hakan Atilla'nin sua isleye bile catifini, yanlis ya dia etik olmayan bir davranis sergileye-bile catifini dusinemi yanum Toplumun inetlian, adiskan bir bireyi olan Hakan Atilla, her zaman kanuai yollarla islerini gerceklestinen, kanualana son denece saygili bir kisidir Bu'insanin herhangi bir sua isleyebile cegine, hükümlü olmasına inanmak gercekles edk güa, kaldık ki Hakan Atillanın geleceklede herhangi bir yasayı çirgneyeceğne iltimal veremiyorum.

Sayın Hakim Berman, size dürést, kanun-Lana bağlı, calışkanjığı ahlaklı, iği kalpli, sewecen ve düzgün davranısları ile kepimizin kalbini kozanmış, cok seudigimiz, iyi bir ankadas, güvenilir bir dast olan Hakan Alilla'yı anlatmaya galistim. Sizden kendisine kansı hosgönülü olmanızı ve hapis cezası vermemenizi diliyonum. 12/02/2018

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#### February 7, 2018

Your Honor,

I had started my banking career at REDACTED bank in 1991 by taking the banking exam shortly after graduating from university. In 2004, I became an employee of Halkbank because REDACTED bank was handed over to Halkbank with its complete staff.

I met M. Hakan Atilla in November of 2004, during the merger process because we were working in similar departments. I have considered him a real friend ever since because of his assuring and humane approach during the merging procedures. As you may guess, merging two different institutions is quite a difficult process but we were able to complete this transition in the most harmonious way possible.

With the initial public offering of our bank in June 2007, M. Hakan Atilla became the head of the newly established Investor Relations Department. After this recent development, M. Hakan Atilla asked me if I wanted to work with him and I accepted without hesitation because I knew that working with a manager I was familiar with and whom I trusted very much would make me happy. Actually, starting to work for Mr. Hakan's team in this newly established unit in Istanbul in June 2007 was an important milestone in my career. I had the opportunity to put my gathered experiences to use and gain more experience in other areas by working in this new Investor Relations Department.

Following that, we developed and expanded the business with a trust-oriented synergy. The interest of our investors and analysts in our Bank in which Mr. Hakan is a proof of this.

M. Hakan Atilla, who was never selfish in sharing his knowledge and his friendship during those 13 years we had worked together, was to me an attentive, meticulous and honest person in his professional life. I have never witnessed any actions from him contrary to this. In short, he is a special manager. When it comes to his relations with his team members in the bank, he treats them in a manner business ethics requires. Outside of the bank he is a real friend. He cares about one's problems, shows empathy and tries to support them. No matter what their status, title, class or belief is, he never discriminates people and treats them all alike and in the most friendly manner. He pays attention to each employee; he knows their families, and in a short time you start to consider him as a family member. This is true for all of his employees as well as his friends in his private life without any exceptions.

Your Honor, I hope these universal values which Mr. Hakan possesses are of important and value to you. Within this framework, I kindly request you to be tolerant in your decision regarding Mr. Hakan.

Yours sincerely,

Lena CITELI {SIGNED}

Department Manager/Director

Halkbank

Financial Institutions and Investor Relations Dept.

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/Istanbul

Sayın Hakim, 07.02.2018

Bankacılık meslek hayatıma 1991 yılında üniversite biter bitmez bankacılık sınavına girerek REDACTED bank T.A.Ş. de başladım. REDACTED bank'ın insan kaynağı ile birlikte T. Halkbank T.A.Ş.'na devredilmesi nedeniyle 2004 yılı Kasım ayında T. Halkbank T.A.Ş. bünyesine dahil oldum.

M.Hakan Atilla ile 2004 Kasım ayında birleşme esnasında eş birimlerde görevli olmamız nedeniyle tanıştım. Birleşme çalışmaları esnasında yarattığı güven ve insani yaklaşım nedeniyle o günden buyana gerçek bir arkadaşım olarak gördüm. Tahmin edersiniz ki iki farklı kurumun birleşmesi zor süreçler gerektirir, bu geçiş sürecini gayet uyumlu bir şekilde tamamladık.

Haziran 2007 de Bankamız'ın ilk halka arzı ile birlikte yeni kurulan yatırımcı ilişkileri departmanı M.Hakan Atilla'ya bağlanmıştır. Söz konusu gelişmenin ardından M.Hakan Atilla "benimle çalışmak ister misin" diye sorunca tanıdığım ve güvendiğim bir yönetici ile çalışmaktan memnun olacağımdan hemen kabul ettim. 2007 yılı Haziran'ında Hakan bey'in yeni biriminin İstanbul'da kurulması ve benimle çalışmak istemesi mesleki kariyerimde önemli bir gelişmedir. Yeni kurulan Yatırımcı İlişkileri departmanında hem geçmiş tecrübelerimi kullanma, hem de yeni alanları deneyimleme firsatını yakaladım.

Akabinde işi, güven kaynaklı bir sinerji ile büyüttük ve geliştirdik, genişlettik. Yatırımcı ve analistlerimizde Bankamız ve Hakan Bey'e olan ilgileri ile bunu göstermişlerdir.

Birlikte çalıştığımız 13 yıl boyunca bilgi paylaşımını ve dostluğunu esirgememiş olan M.Hakan Atilla işinde çok özenlidir, titizdir, dürüsttür, aksi bir davranışına şahit olmadım, kısacası özel bir yöneticidir. Birlikte çalıştığı ekip arkadaşları ile işte iş etiği çerçevesinde ilişkilerini yürütür, iş dışında ise gerçek bir arkadaştır. Her sıkıntınızı dinler empati kurar, destek olmaya çalışır. Ve bu yaklaşımında asla statü, ünvan, sınıf farklılığı, inanç farklılığına bakmaz aynı mesafede durur, dostluğunu esirgemez. Her bir çalışanı ile ilgilenir, ailesini bilir, zaman içerisinde tanıdıkça ailenizden biri gibi görürsünüz. İstisnasız her çalışanı için, iş dışındaki arkadaşları-dostları için de böyledir.

Hakim bey, umarım Hakan bey'in sahip olduğu bu evrensel değerler sizin nazarınızda da önemlidir, kayda değerdir. Bu çerçevede Hakan bey için hoşgörünüzü talep ediyorum.

Saygılarımla,

Lena ÇITELI

Bölüm Müdüra Director

Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş.

Finansal Kurumlar ve Yatırımcı İlişkileri D.B. / Financial Institutions and Investor Relations Deprt. REDACTED /istanbul

02/08/2018

Your Honor,

My name is Saadet Demircan. I have been working at Halkbank's TeaBoy/Lady personnel services for 10 years. I have worked with Mehmet Hakan Atilla for 8 years and I still work at the same department. He is the kindest and the most conscientious, helpful, kindhearted, benevolent and good intentioned person I have ever met. He is the best Deputy General Manager I have worked with. I am deeply honored that I had the chance to serve him and work with him. He is an honorable person that I like and respect very much.

I would like to kindly inform you about a very important incident. My husband was jailed 4 years ago as a result of some misfortune. I was in such a bad situation that I was falling apart. My family, my mother, my father and my 7 siblings, none of them were willing to help me. I did not own a house; I was renting. I did not have money to pay the rent. I was working for the minimum wage. My son was doing his military service at that time. I had to send him money. I had to hire an attorney and I had to pay the rent but I did not have any money. I was suffering from heavy depression. I was crying every day.

During such a hard time, Mehmet Hakan Attila provided an listening ear to my troubles and took care of me. He helped me hire a lawyer for my husband. We got through those awful days all because of his help.

I address you with all my respect and I kindly request you to be fair with your decision and merciful. I kindly request you to let him reunite with his wife, son and family and his loved ones.

Yours sincerely, Saadet Demircan {Signed}

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/ Istanbul

08.02.2018

Sayın Hakim Berman,

Ben Saadet Demircan. Halkbank' ta 10 yıldır ikram personeli olarak çalışmaktayım. Bunun 8 yılını Mehmet Hakan Atilla Bey ile çalıştım ve halende aynı birimde çalışmaktayım. O tanıdığım en iyilik seven, vicdanlı, merhametli, kimseye kötülük düşünmeyen, herkese yardım eden insan gibi adam gibi adamdır. Benim çalışma hayatımda başıma gelen en mükemmel Genel Müdür Yardımcısı onunla çalışmak ona hizmet etmek benim için büyük Onur'dur. Çok saygı duyduğum, sevdiğim, saygı değer bir insandır.

Onunla ilgili çok önemli bir olayı sizlere anlatmak istiyorum. Benim eşim bundan 4 yıl önce bir talihsizlik sonucu hapse girdi. O kadar perişan bir haldeydim ki yıkılmıştım. Çevremde ailem, annem, babam, kardeşlerimle biz 8 kardeşiz hiç kimse bana yardımcı olmadı. Evim kira param yok asgari ücretle çalışan biriyim. Oğlum o dönem askerdeydi. Avukat tutmam lazım ama param yoktu ve oğluma para göndermem lazım, kira zamanı gelmişti ve ciddi çok sıkıntılı zamanlar geçirdim. Hergün ağlıyordum. Depresyona girmiştim sıkıntılarımdan ötürü.

Mehmet Hakan Atilla o zor dönemim de derdimi sorarak benimle ilgilendi. Eşime Avukat tutabilmem için yardımcı oldu. Onun yardımları sayesinde kötü günlerimizi atlattık.

Sayın Hakim, bütün saygımla sesleniyorum merhametinizi ve büyüklüğünüzü göstermenizi ve Hakan Bey'i eşine, oğluna, ailesine ve tüm sevdiklerine kavuşturmanızı önemle arz ederim.

Saygilarımla,

Saadet Demircan

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Str., New York, NY 10007-1312 02/13/2018

Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Aslı Erbay. I have been working at Halkbank for more than 8 years.

Mr. Hakan was the first executive that I had worked with when I first started and I had the chance to work with Mr. Hakan for a long time.

Mr. Hakan has been a role model both for me and for all of my colleagues not only with his senior executive identity but also with his personality. He is a living example of the importance of hard work, ambition, honesty and decency on the way to climbing up the career ladder. He had started as an expert and he had moved up to the deputy general manager position, thanks to the respect and dedication he has for his job. Even though Mr. Hakan is a senior executive, he has always been someone whose door was open to us. I could go to him without any hesitation and I could share my problems openly.

Mr. Hakan is a kind and loving person. He has always looked after me like a father during our business trips and he would never make me feel alone. He would always give me advice on life. Apart from being a good family man, he is also a person we all respect, care about and like. Therefore I had asked him to be the witness to my marriage. When I asked him if he could be my official wedding witness, he accepted it without hesitation and he gave me a lot of advice about marriage. He was next to us with his loving support on the best day of our lives.

Mr. Hakan is an honest, smart, humorous, friendly, productive and gifted person who is devoted to his family. He is an exemplary person appreciated by me and by everyone who knows him. My biggest wish is to see him released and reunited with his family as soon as possible.

I would like to kindly ask you to consider his family and his loved ones who have been waiting for him along with Mr. Hakan's exemplary personality when you give your decision.

Yours sincerely, Aslı ERBAY [signature]

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The Honorable Elchard M. Berman United States Contract Judge United States Contracts See About Str., New York NY 10017-1512

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Ernek bir ode babes) olmansın yanadı iş gende ek soygi daydoğranoz, kuymet verdiğimiz ve ocudiğimiz bir oldoğuradan nikon sahidim olması için teksifte bulunduğunda çevliliğe dair birzok nasıhçe verek. Teredek etmeden bosul etti ve esimle bu gizel ginomizde yanımızda bulundu.

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Saggilarmila,

ASI EREAY

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02/13/2018

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

The Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Mustafa ERBAY. I am currently working as a level just below the bank manager at Halkbank. It has been nearly ten years now since I first started my career here at Halkbank. I had the chance to work with Mr. Hakan back in 2012 when I was assigned to the Halkbank branch of Macedonia where he was the chairman of the Board of Directors at the time.

About a year after I was appointed to Macedonia, I had to return to Turkey due to some family issues and it is for those reasons I asked to be assigned back to Turkey. These transfer procedures are always quite problematic. In this case, I had to go from one country to another country and I knew I had many challenges to face. It was a period in my career that was full of difficulty and uncertainty. When I initially shared my assignment request with my supervisor, he was extremely angry and he clearly pointed out and stressed that this could negatively affect my career and that he would be of no help whatsoever. After notifying my supervisor, my request had to be relayed to Mr. Hakan and I had to get his permission as well. When my request was forwarded to Mr. Hakan via e-mail, he easily resolved my very challenging situation for me in 10 minutes and without any issues. He instructed my place of assignment to be changed from Halkbank Macedonia to Halkbank Turkey. Mr. Hakan not only did a very huge favor for me, but by setting an example with his consideration and understanding, he taught me a very beautiful lesson in life.

Because of this experience, I came across two people whom I could compare to different historical personalities. As a Stoic man of law, Cicero whom I really enjoy reading, defends that the terms "Honestas" and "Utilitas" are in harmony with each other. Unlike Cicero, Machiavelli claims that these two concepts are irreconcilable and suggests "utile" to be superior to "honestum" at all times. Those who have followed these two thinkers throughout history have always contradicted each other. As I briefly explained above, my first supervisor had a Machiavellian approach whereas Mr. Hakan had confirmed Cicero's and he affected me with his behavior where he could combine morally good and practically useful attitudes. As a qualified person who moved up in his career by his hard work, he is an exemplary individual who can combine both being trustworthy and being productive for the good of the community.

Considering his numerous good deeds and moral acts which are to state one by one in this short letter simply impossible, I kindly request you to show tolerance and to not give an imprisonment sentence for Mr. Hakan who is always doing the morally right thing without expecting anything in return and who, I sincerely believe, is an honest man. I would like to kindly remind you that your tolerance will affect not only his desperate family but also all of his loved ones too. Moreover, for Mr. Hakan to not get a jail sentence would be a good opportunity for the society for him to be productive again and be of benefit.

Yours sincerely,
[handwritten:] Mustafa H. ERBAY
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REDACTED Istanbul

13.02.2018

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Sayın Hakim Berman,

Benim adım Mustafa ERBAY. Halkbank'ta müdür altı bir pozisyonda çalışıyorum. Çalışma hayatıma yaklaşık on yıl önce yine Halkbank'ta başladım. Hakan Bey ile ilk olarak 2012 yılında kendisinin de Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı olduğu Halkbank Makedonya'da görev yaptığım dönemde birlikte çalışma fırsatı buldum.

Makedonya'ya atanalı henüz bir yıl bile olmamıştı. Ancak ailevi nedenlerden dolayı Türkiye'ye geri dönmem gerekiyordu. Bu nedenle Türkiye'ye tayinimi istedim. Tayin işlemleri her yerde sıkıntılıdır. Bu durumumda ise bir ülkeden başka bir ülkeye gitmek gerekiyordu ki, pek çok sıkıntının beni beklediğinin farkındaydım. Kariyerim açısından zor ve belirsizliklerle dolu bir dönemdi. Tayin isteğimi ilk amirim ile paylaştığımda, talebimden dolayı son derece sinirlendi. Muhtemelen tayin talebim nedeniyle kariyerimin çok olumsuz etkileneceği ve bana hiçbir şekilde yardımcı olmayacağını üstüne basa basa ekledi. İlk amirimden sonra talebimin Hakan Bey'e bildirilmesi ve ondan izin alınması gerekiyordu. Bir mail ile konu Hakan Bey'e aktarıldığında sadece 10 dakika içerisinde benim için son derece zor olan bu durumu sorunsuz olarak çözüverdi. Görev yerimin Halkbank Makedonya'dan Halkbank Türkiye olarak değiştirilmesi talimatını vermişti. Hakan Bey bu şekilde bana çok büyük bir iyilik yapmakla kalmamış, ayrıca göstermiş olduğu anlayış ve hoş görü ile örnek alınacak çok güzel bir hayat dersi de vermiş oldu.

Bu tecrübemde farklı tarihi şahsiyetlerle özdeşleştirilebilecek iki karşıt insan profili ile karşılaşmıştım. Benim de okumaktan çok keyif aldığım Stoic hukuk adamı Cicero, "Honestas" ve "Utilitas" kavramlarının uzlaşı içerisinde olduklarını savunur. Cicero'nun aksine Machiavelli ise bu iki kavramı uzlaşmaz olarak görür ve her zaman "utile" olanın "honestum" olandan üstün görülmesini tavsiye eder. Her iki düşünürü de örnek alanlar tarih boyunca birbirleri ile tezat içerisinde var olmuşlardır. Yukarıda kısaca aktarmaya çalıştığım olayda ilk amirimin Machiavelist yaklaşımı karşısında, Hakan Bey adeta Cicero'yu teyit edercesine ahlaki olarak iyi olan ile pratik olarak faydalı olanı kendi şahsında birleştirebilen bir kişinin davranışı ile beni etkilemiştir. Kendisi liyakat temelli ve çok çalışarak kariyerinde ilerlemiş bir kişi olarak, toplum için hem güven kaynağı hem de üretken olmayı başaran örnek bir bireydir.

Pek çok şeyi karşılığında hiçbir fayda görmeden sadece ahlaki olarak doğru olduğu için yapan ve dürüstlüğüne kalpten inandığın Hakan Bey'in, bu kısa mektupta hepsini anlatmanın mümkün olmadığı sayısız iyi ve doğru davranışlarını dikkate alarak, hoşgörü göstermenizi ve hapis cezası vermemenizi sizden diliyorum. Bu hoşgörüyü perişan hale olan ailesine ve tüm sevenlerine de göstermiş olacağınızı hatırlatmak isterim. Ayrıca Hakan Bey'in hapis cezası almaması, onun toplum için yeniden faydalı ve üretken olabilmesi için bir fırsat olacaktır.

Saygilarimla, Mustafa H.ERBAY

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02/08/2018 ISTANBUL

Your Honor,

I have known M. Hakan Atilla since 2005 when we worked at Halkbank together. For many years we had worked together very intensely for the Bank. In the "Credit Cards" Department we were required to work in accordance with the VISA and MasterCard rules. We used to spend long hours doing very heavy work in this department in order to ensure what we did would not violate any international rules and regulations and will not cause the Bank to suffer any losses. He was always a careful, sacrificing, intelligent and rational individual who loved his country and people.

Above everything else, he loves his family. He combines honesty and integrity with his family values and he raises his own child with these principles as well. He tries not to break anyone's heart. He is always respectful towards his supervisors.

He has never been an ambitious person. He owes his success to working hard and upholding the values he deems correct.

M. Hakan Atilla has all the qualities of a "good person". He tries to help anyone who is having trouble or going through a hard time whenever they ask for his support. He is a rational and logical person and therefore his suggestions have always been in the same fashion.

He always tells the truth, he does not like lies. He does not like to gossip either. His "Chivalry" character reflects in both, his professional life and his private life. M. Hakan Atilla is definitely very VALUABLE for all of us. I kindly thought that you should know.

Yours sincerely,

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02/06/2018

Your Honor,

I have been working at Halkbank since 2006. I am married and I have a daughter. I have started working with Mr. Atilla since the end of 2011.

My daughter was born in 2013. During my maternity leave in 2014, the bank's headquarter moved from Ankara to Istanbul upon a bank management decision. Realizing the difficulty of starting a new life in a different city with a newborn baby, Mr. Atilla approved my temporary employment for 3 months in the bank's adjacent building. This opportunity made the transition to a new life in Istanbul smoother.

I had worked with Mr. Atilla in the sustainability committee as well. I have observed that he has given particular importance to ethical values, issues about personal boundaries and preventing mobbing. I have also observed how important family values were to him. He is one of the founding members of the Halkbank Sustainability Committee which was established in 2015. This committee is a structure that makes decisions about adapting the economic, social and environmental factors to the operation and decision making mechanisms of our bank in accordance with the institutional management principles and it has been completely founded on a volunteer basis.

For example, the committee revised the Ethical Principles and Anti-Corruption Policy in 2016. Mr. Atilla was the director of this working team which took over the mentioned revision project. Mr. Atilla worked in person to prepare a policy that can be a model not only on a national level but also on an international level. By proposing to add an Article about protecting the personal space, he helped secure a healthier and more comfortable working environment for all of the employees. He led the way towards a more transparent and accountable policy.

I believe that Mr. Atilla, who has maintained his principles, behaved honestly and fairly, deserves to reunite with his wife, son and his loved ones as soon as possible due to the points I have made in my letter.

Yours sincerely, Seda GUDEN {Signed}

Address: Halkbank Genel Mudurlugu

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The Department of International Banking and Structured Finance

Atasehir - Istanbul

06.02.2018

Sayin Hakim,

2006 yılından beri Halkbank'ta görev yapmaktayım. Evliyim ve bir kızım var. Hakan Bey ile birlikte 2011 yılsonunda çalışmaya başladım.

2013 yılında kızım dünyaya geldi. 2014 yılında doğum izni sürecimde Bankamız yönetimi kararı ile Banka merkezi Ankara'dan İstanbul'a taşındı. Küçük bir bebek ile yeni bir şehirde hayat kurmanın zorluğu karşısında Hakan Bey, Bankamız ek binasında 3 ay geçici görevle çalışmam için onay verdi. Kendisinin sağlamış olduğu bu imkan, eşim ile İstanbul'daki yeni düzenimizi daha rahat kurmamıza vesile oldu.

Bankamızın sürdürülebilirlik komitesi çalışmalarında bizzat görev almış biri olarak kendisi ile oldukça mesai harcadım. Aile hayatına önem verdiği kadar iş hayatında etik değerlere, kişisel sınırlara, mobbingin önlenmesi konusuna da Hakan Bey'in özel önem verdiğini gördüm. Kendisi, 2015 yılında kurulan Halkbank Sürdürülebilirlik Komitesi'nin kurucu üyelerindendir. Komite, ekonomik, sosyal ve çevresel faktörlerin kurumsal yönetim ilkeleri ile birlikte Bankamızın faaliyet ve karar mekanizmalarına uyarlanması konusunda karar alan ve tamamen gönüllülük esası ile kurulan bir yapıdır.

Komite, örneğin, 2016 yılında Etik İlkeler ve Yolsuzlukla Mücadele Politikasını revize etmiştir. Bu revize konusunda kurulan çalışma grubunun yöneticisi de bizzat Hakan Bey olmuştur. Hakan Bey, sadece ulusal düzeyde değil uluslararası platformda örnek olabilecek bir politika hazırlanması konusunda bizzat çalışmış ve gruba önderlik etmiştir. Kişisel alanın korunması maddesinin eklenmesini önererek tüm çalışanların iş yerinde daha sağlıklı ve rahat bir çalışma ortamı sağlanmasının güvence altına alınmasına vesile olmuştur. Daha şeffaf ve hesap verilebilir bir politikaya sahip olunması konusunda öncü olmuştur.

Mektubumda belirttiğim tüm bu hususlardan anlaşılabileceği gibi çizgisinde duran Hakan Beyin, başta eşi ve oğlu olmak üzere tüm sevdiklerine bir an önce kavuşacağına inanıyorum.

Saygilarımla,

Seda GÜDEN

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Adres: Halkbank Genel Müdürlüğü

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Uluslararası Bankacılık ve Yapılandırılmış Finansman Daire Başkanlığı

Ataşehir – İstanbul

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Istanbul, February 7, 2018

Your Honor,

My name is Recep GÜLEÇ. I was born in 1962 in İznik as the fourth child of a family that owns a small-scale agricultural business. Until I graduated from the university and started my career, I worked for my family's business. I entered the exam organized by Halkbank in July 1988 and when I passed, I started working there as an Assistant Specialist. I have been working in this industry for 30 years and I have always loved my job. Since 2009, I have been serving as the Department Head of International Banking and Structured Financing at Halkbank.

I met my dear friend Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA (Mr. Hakan) in Ankara in 1995 when he started working at Halkbank. Our close friendship continued over the years because we were both assigned to the Head Office and were both in the same career group. Mr. Hakan also comes from a middle class family like I do. His parents had retired after they both worked as civic servants.

In my opinion, both Mr. Hakan and I were brought up by our families in such a way that the family training and discipline had shaped us into having a work ethic of always being fully aware of our responsibilities. We have been promoted to senior executive positions at the institution due to the diligence we display in our work and profession.

In his social life Mr. Hakan is equally diligent. I have noticed on numerous occasions that he was on his family's side, he supported and helped them whenever they needed him. (For example, I just remember now how he was going back and forth between Ankara and Bursa in preparation of his sister's wedding.) I had also witnessed that he stood by his colleagues on good and bad days, in accordance with our traditions. Mr. Hakan has always participated in religious celebrations, funerals, weddings, birthdays and similar social events with a genuine attitude.

He is always very attentive towards events that require social sensitivity and support and I am a witness to that. He accepted to be an official marriage witness of his colleagues whenever he was asked. He helped those people in need to get some financial support. He had always supported the social responsibility projects carried out by the Bank. For example, he personally helped organizing a Folk Music choir made up of the Bank staff. He also persuaded his father-in-law who is a well-known Turkish Folk music singer and choir conductor to lead these activities.

In addition to his personality traits, which I have partially summarized above, Mr. Hakan has taken an active role in the management of the handball and volleyball teams of the institution where he was working. Apart from these sports, he is also passionate about soccer and water sports.

The shares of the institution where we are both working are public. The company shares have been offered to the public twice; once in 2007 and then in 2012. Due to his field of work, Mr. Hakan was given an active role during the initial public offerings. In 2007, Mr. Hakan has been promoted as the Department Head of Financial Institutions and Investor Relations and he was assigned as Deputy General Manager of International Banking in 2011. While he was assigned to these positions, he introduced his institution to shareholders, international securities investors and beneficiary bank representatives. In a way, he became the voice and the figure that represented the institution to the outside world and provided them with information about our Bank and about the industry. An executive who shoulders such a responsibility, carries out the task of establishing trust and reputation on behalf of the institution.

One must not only be competent about the Banking Law and relevant legal regulations in order to render these services I tried to summarize above but one must also obtain a license from the Turkish Capital Markets Board. Mr. Hakan had fulfilled all of these requirements with his competent, well-informed and cautious personality.

In 2007, I have been assigned to the unit where I am currently the head of the department and since 2011, I had worked under Mr. Hakan. During this period, he supported us at work within the framework of Banking legislation and discipline and at the same time he helped us to make sure that our working conditions do not disrupt the ordinary course of our family lives. He coached his team by instilling confidence in them and by supporting their professional and personal development.

In addition to our jobs, Both Mr. Hakan and I have taken part in social responsibility projects in order to institutionalize the corporation where we were working, in accordance with the requirements of the era we lived. In this context, Mr. Hakan took an active role in our Bank's Corporate Management Committee and he led the establishment of Halkbank Sustainability Committee where I am also a founding member. The details of the work carried out by the committee that was established in 2015 are open to the public on our Bank's website.

The objective of the committee is to make decisions towards harmonizing the economic, social and environmental factors with the corporate management principles and the Bank's activities and decision mechanisms and to carry out this through volunteer based activities. Within the scope of the activities, our Bank's Ethics Principles and Anti-Corruption Policy have been expanded and implemented. As a result of these activities, our institution was included in Istanbul Stock Exchange's Sustainability Index and it has become one of the companies listed within FTSE4 Developing Markets Index (FTSE4 Good Russell).

Naturally, matters related to his career and private life are not limited to those which I have tried to summarize above. Mr. Hakan has a humble life style and his other personal traits that I can remember include having a passion for being in and around nature, gardening, fishing, drawing pictures, and reading novels.

Your Honor, I have met some of the members of Mr. Hakan's family with whom he shares his surname; the family members I know the best are his dear wife and his cherished son. Just like my wife, Mr. Hakan's wife also works at Halkbank and their son is a college student just like our son. In other words, our loving marriages started and developed at the institution into which we put so much effort. Within this framework, I cannot hold myself from empathizing with Mr. Hakan and his family. My only wish and hope is to have him back in his country and see him return to his family in good health and to see him find the peace he deserves. Therefore, I kindly request you to show leniency and understanding towards him. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours sincerely, [signature] Recep GÜLEÇ

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Sayın Hakim,

Istanbul, 7 Subat 2018

Ismin Reep Gület Küçük ölçekli tarım işletmesi olan bir ailenim dördünü çocuğu olarak 1962 yılında İznik'te dağdum Üniversite ezitimimi tamamlapınık iş hayatına başlayımaya kadır ajeçen dönende aynı zamanda ailenim işlerinderle çalıştım. 1988 yılı Temmuz aynıda Hallebonk'in aqtığı iyarışma sınatını kazmarak Daman Yaralıması olarak galışmaya başladım. Doima Severek yaptığım mesleğinde 30. yılındı pirlim. 2009 yılındı buşline Hallebonk'in "Dluduramısı birikacılık ve yapılındırılınış Firomsmanı Dame Başkanlığı" görevini yürütneblerim.

Severili Mehmet Hakom ATILLA (Hakom Boy) ile tomemenniz Hallbank to Galismana bashadiği 1905 yılında Ankara'da almuş tur. Her ikimizinde Genel Müllürlükle porev yaprızır alması ne ayın karrıpır prubunda almamız nedeniyle samini iletisimmiz daima devam etmiştir. Hakam Beyde benim fibi artog. likli bir aikden aplinektedir. Anne ne babası Devlet Memura olarak görev yaptıklam sanra emelli almuşlardır.

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2007 yılından tibnien halon tarkındığını yüvüttüğüni birinicle förev üstlendin ne 2011 yılından itilanen ise tarkını beye kiçki olarak görev viptim. Bu süre içerisinde bankadık mevanti ne disiplimi Gerçeveninde iflerimite destek olmuş ne aynı tamanda gadışmı ko sulbrimitin ade hayatımıtın olağını akışmı botmayadık sekible işlamesine danna destek normiştir sorumlu oldığı elabe güyön asılayan mesleki ne kifisel galişimlanın dosteklerin bir onlayışı ile ekip kaçlığlı opipmiştir.

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Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Honorable Judge Berman,

While I am writing this letter to you, it is 2:50 a.m local time in Turkey which means it is ten minutes to three. I have actually written several letters since 10:00 p.m. this evening. However, as I could not and found it difficult to properly include everything that I wanted to say exactly the way I wanted to, I tore them all up. I am hoping to get this one right and send it to you.

To begin with, I would like to tell you a little bit about Mehmet Hakan ATILLA. I first met Mehmet Hakan ATILLA in 1998. During that time I was working at the Credit Cards Office of Halkbank; one day they told me that a specialist has been assigned to our office. It was Mehmet Hakan ATILLA. We became very good friends and I learned a lot from him. He was a very successful man who motivated everyone around him with his good energy and positive vibe. He was very honest.

I think it was around the end of the year of 1999. Back then a group was involved in credit card fraud in the town of Ortaca in the Muğla province. They were copying Halkbank's credit cards. The Bank management assigned us to find out what was going on. I was inexperienced back then. Together with Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA, we went to the town of Ortaca in the province of Muğla which is located on the southern coast of Turkey. Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA met with the parents of these young men who were copying credit cards (bearing in mind that, they were all young and inexperienced and they did not know that what they were doing was considered fraud) and he established a relationship of trust with the families and exposed the details of the situation. On the bus ride back home we cried tears of happiness because we were so happy that we had successfully solved the problem.

I am now looking in the mirror and I am crying again. However, they are not tears of happiness this time. They are tears of sorrow. I am crying out of despair. Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA was a successful banker from a middle class family. He set an example for us. He had reached his position by working really hard. Now, successful people from the same Turkish middle class families are on trial through the person and character of Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA. It's as if those very people who have come to very good position as a result of their own hard work are being tried.

Please consider this whilst giving your judgement.

Yours sincerely,
[signature]
Cem Feyzullah GÜVEN

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- Ankara

Soyin Halm Bermon

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Simdi yine aynaya babiyar ve ağlıyanım Anadi sevineten değil şimdi üzüntüden gözlerimden yaş geliyar Mehmet Hakan ATILLA ortasınıdan gelen başarılı bir banlacıydı Bizim için bir madeldi Geldiği konuma çak çalışana L gelmişti. Simdi Mehmet Hakan ATILLA'nın sahsında Türkiye'deki orta sınıfın başarılı insanbırı yarallanıyar Emeğiyle çalışmayla iyi banımlara gelen insanları yarallanıyar

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02/13/2018

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Your Honor,

I wanted to briefly reach out to you about my family friend and coworker from Halkbank, M. Hakan Atilla.

My work with Hakan at Halkbank began in December 2004. I have always known him as a colleague that followed all the rules at work and was devoted to his family.

At Halkbank, I served as the Department Head of Financial Accounting between the years 2004 and 2012 and as the Department Head responsible for [illegible] between 2012 and 2015. Since August 2015, I have been the Manager of Halkbank's Tahtakale Branch.

While I was the Department Head, I coordinated our bank's domestic and international partnerships. During this time, Hakan would not even accept the ties, shirts or chocolate packages that were sent as gifts from our special partners on special occasions such as the New Year and Eid holidays, claiming that he only wanted to do his job and what his position required. I would like to underline in this letter how much of a gentle person he is. He needs your empathy in order to be rejoined with all his loved ones - his son, and his wife, and his parents.

Yours sincerely,

02/13/2018

Halkbank Tahtakale Branch

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Istanbul, 02/07/2018

#### Your Honor,

My name is Refik ILERI, I started working as a Deputy Auditor at the Halkbank Inspection Board on 06/25/1995. I have worked as an auditor and head auditor until April 2007. I have worked as a branch manager during the period 2007-2018. Currently, I am working as the branch manager of Firuzkoy/ISTANBUL Branch.

I studied at Gazi University, Department of Finance between 1989 and 1994. During the same years, Mehmet Hakan ATILLA was a student in the Department of Economics of the same university. I met him at the university and our friendship took its roots during the university years. I have known Mehmet Hakan ATILLA for about 29 years. Our families have been seeing each other for the last 14 years.

Mehmet Hakan ATILLA is one of the two-three people I consider as a genuine friend. He is closer and more caring to me than my real brother is. I wish you could have got to know this amazing person under different circumstances.

It is very hard to introduce Mehmet Hakan ATILLA to you in this short letter, but I want to try my best to achieve this difficult task.

First of all, Hakan is a good family man. He is warm hearted, sympathetic person who would light up any room he enters with his energy and positive attitude. He is a good communicator. He is highly sensitive to others and the environment. He has a great sense of empathy and he loves sharing. He is a brave and big-hearted person who is capable of doing anything for his loved ones.

He is a forgiving, modest, pure-hearted, wholesome, sensitive, thoughtful and emotional person who is capable of forgiving even the ones who had hurt him badly or broke his heart.

He would feel just as happy if something good happens to a loved one, as if it had happened to him.

He enjoys helping anyone without minding if they are close to him or not, or if he knows them or not, or even if they are his friends or not. He prefers making the people around him happy rather than making himself happy.

He is a modest person who does not want people to know about his good deeds and who does not expect anything in return for his favors.

He is a reputable, distinguished and loved person.

Additionally, Hakan has an artistic side and he is a self-confident, talented and modest person. In my opinion he is a talented artist. He is my dear and true friend.

He has a very bright son Burkan who is a university student. He bears the same characteristic traits his father does. He has the sweetest wife, Burcin.

Your Honor,

People like Hakan are very rare in our communities; that is why I believe we should protect and support them so that they would prosper without any harm.

I kindly request you to be tolerant with your decision about Hakan and set him free so that he can reunite with his family and his dear friends.

Yours sincerely,
Refik ILERI
{Signed}

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Istanbul,07.02.2018

Sayın Hakim,

Ben, Refik ILERİ 25.06.1995 tarihinde Halkbankası A.Ş. Teftiş Kurulu Başkanlığı'nda Müfettiş Yrd. olarak göreve başladım. 2007 Nisan ayına kadar müfettiş ve başmüfettiş unvanında çalıştım. 2007-2018 yıllarında şube müdürü olarak çalıştım. Şu anda Firuzköy/İSTANBUL Şubesinde müdür olarak görevime devam etmekteyim.

1989-1994 yıllarında Gazi Üniversitesi Maliye Bölümünde okudum, aynı senelerde Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA'da aynı Üniversitenin ekonomi bölümünde okuyordu, tanışıklığımız ve arkadaşlığımız okul yıllarından kaynaklıdır. Yaklaşık 29 yıldır Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA'yı tanımaktayım. Son on 14 yıldır da ailecek görüşüyoruz.

Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA, benim dostum diyebileceğim bu hayattaki iki ve üç kişiden biridir. Bana kardeşimden daha yakın ve ilgilidir. Bu ismi taşıyan kişiyi tanımanızı o kadar çok isterdim ki, keşke başka şartlar altında bu kişiyle tanışmış olsaydınız.

Hakan hakkında size anlatacaklarımı bu mektupla sınırlamak oldukça güç ama güç olanı başarmak adına size Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA'yı tanıtmak istiyorum.

Hakan, her şeyden önce iyi bir aile babası, çevresine ışık saçan, insanlarla iyi iletişim kuran, çevresine karşı oldukça duyarlı, sevgi dolu, kişilere sıcakkanlı ve sempatik davranan, empati kurabilen, çevreye karşı duyarlı ve paylaşımcı biridir. Sevdikleri için her şeyi yapabilecek kadar cesur ve yüce gönüllü bir insandır.

Gururunu kıran ya da kalbini gerçekten inciten birini bile kendisine yaptıkları için affedebilecek kadar bağışlayıcı, alçak gönüllü, içinde kötülük barındırmayan, saf ve temiz, hassas ve düşünceli, duygusal bir kişiliktir.

Değer verdiği insanların hayatlarında güzel bir şey olduğunda, adeta onlar adına kendi başına gelmiş kadar mutlu olan,

Yakın, uzak, tanıdık veya yabancı fark etmeksizin herkes ama herkese karşı yardımcı olmaya çalışan, değer verdiği insanları mutlu etmeyi, mutlu olmaya tercih eden,

Yaptığı fedakârlıkları, karşısındakinin gözüne sokmaya çalışmayan, çoğu zaman onların bunları bilmesini bile istemeyen alçak gönüllü,

Çevresinde saygın ve sevilen biridir.

Aynı zamanda sanatçı ruhuna sahip; kendine güvenen yetenekli, ama yaptıklarıyla övünmeyen, bana göre güzel resim çizebilen benim can ve en yakın dostumdur Hakan,

Hakan'la aynı özellikleri taşıyan çok akıllı üniversite öğrencisi bir oğlu var Burkan, dünyalar iyisi eşi var Burçin, Sayın Hakim;

Toplumlarda bu özelliklere sahip kişilerin azınlıkta olduğunu dikkate aldığımızda bu tür kişilerin çoğalması ve zarar görmemesi için elimizden geldiğince bu insanlara destek ve yardımcı olmalıyız.

Sizin hoşgörünüze sığınarak Hakan'a yardımcı olmanızı O'nu, ailesi ve bizlere bağışlamanızı istiyorum.

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Skopje, Macedonia, 02/13/2018

### Honorable Judge Berman,

I am Berkan Imeri. I live in the city of Gostivar in Macedonia. I am 37 years old, married and a father of one. I am an economics graduate, and am currently pursuing a post-graduate degree in financial management. At the moment, I serve as a senior financial manager in a commercial bank in Macedonia. Please pardon me for writing to you in Turkish – as my level of proficiency in English is not that advanced.

I have just found out from the media press and newspapers that Mehmet Hakan Atilla, who was standing trial in an American court as a defendant, was found guilty on the charges against him. I have also come to know from the media as well, that you are currently at the stage of handing down a decision about him regarding these charges.

As Mehmet Hakan Atilla was a member and president of my bank's Executive Board between the years 2012 and 2015, I had the opportunity to get to know him professionally speaking. Based on the time Mr. Attila and I worked together, I can affirm that he is a very honest, principled, law-abiding, virtuous person who is dedicated to his family.

I remember that throughout the time we worked together, he respected the procedures, and was aware of the regulations, banking rules and customs. He always gave his unconditional support to our bank in Macedonia and followed our development and progress closely. He would insist that we had to be a model and make a difference in the Macedonian banking system, and always emphasized on how we had to follow the laws and regulations.

Honorable Judge Berman, the American judicial system with its autonomy and equity is a global example. I genuinely hope Mr. Atilla is found not guilty at the end of the trial. I plead you to not sentence him to imprisonment within the limits of the law and your capabilities, because the Mr. Hakan I know, is not someone with a character or disposition who is able to nor would ever commit a crime.

I would like to share a memory I have of him with you: once while we were visiting one of our customers who sells musical instruments, a particular musical instrument caught his attention and he started to examine it. A member of the Executive Board asked him why he spent so much time looking at it. He explained that he wanted to buy the instrument, for one of his family members, who was interested in music, and that would make him/her very happy if he were to give this person the instrument as a gift upon returning to Turkey. The business owner wanted to give Mr. Atilla the instrument free of charge, but Mr. Atilla expressed that he could never accept this and would pay whatever the price may be. He later bought the instrument for its full price. Mr. Hakan did not exploit his position for his personal benefit. Because he had acted so honestly, and nobly, the respect I had for him grew even more.

I would like to express that, like everyone else, I will also respect the verdict you reach, and hope that you re-integrate Mr. Atilla, whom I hold so dear, back into society.

Respectfully yours, Berkan Imeri [Signature] The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Üsküp, Makedonya, 13.02.2018

Sayın Hâkim Berman:

Ben, Berkan İmeri, Makedonya'nın Gostivar şehrinde yaşıyorum. 37 yaşında evli ve bir çocuk babasıyım. İktisat Fakültesinden mezunum ve finansal yönetim alanında yüksek lisans yapmaktayım. Şu an Makedonya'da bir ticari bankada üst düzey finans müdürü olarak çalışmaktayım. İngilizce bilgim çok üst düzey olmadığı için affınıza sığınarak mektubumu Türkçe yazmaktayım.

Amerikan mahkemesinde sanık sıfatıyla yargılanan Mehmet Hakan Atilla'nın yargılandığı davadan suçlu bulunduğunu gazete ve medyadan öğrenmiş ve sizlerin bu suçlarla ilgili kendisi hakkında hüküm verme aşamasında olduğunuzu yine medyadan öğrenmiş bulunmaktayım.

Mehmet Hakan Atilla, görevli olduğum bankada 2012-2015 yılları arasında Yönetim Kurulu Üyeliği ve Başkanlığı yapmış ve bu nedenle kendisini profesyonel olarak tanıma imkânım olmuştur. Sayın Atilla ile çalıştığımız dönemden yola çıkarak kendisinin çok dürüst, prensipli, kanunlara uyan, ilkeli ve ailesine bağlı biri olduğunu söyleyebilirim.

Beraber çalıştığımız dönemde prosedürlere saygı duyar, mevzuata dikkat eder ve her zaman Bankacılık kanunu ve teamüllerini uygulamaya özen gösterirdi. Her zaman Makedonya'da bulunan bankamıza kayıtsız şartsız destek verir ve gelişimimizi yakından takip ederdi. Makedonya Bankacılık Sisteminde bir değer ve fark yaratmak zorunda olduğumuzu vurgular yasalara ve mevzuata uymamız gerektiğini devamlı vurgulamaktaydı.

Sayın Hâkim Berman, Amerikan yargı sistemi bağımsızlığı ve adil yaklaşımıyla dünyada bir emsal teşkil etmektedir. Dava sonucunda Hakan beyin suçsuz olduğunun hükmüne varılmasını ümit ediyorum. Yasa ve imkânlarınız çerçevesinde kendisine hapis cezası vermemenizi arz ederim, çünkü Benim tanıdığım Bay Atilla, suç işleyebilecek yapıda ve karakterde biri değildir.

Sizlere kendisiyle ilgili bir anımı paylaşmak istemekteyim: Müzik aletleri satan bir müşterimizi ziyaret etmemiz esnasında gözüne bir müzik aleti takıldı ve inceledi. Diğer yönetim kurulu iyelerinden biri niye bu kadar zaman harcadığını sordu. Kendisi, bir aile ferdinin müziğe ilgi duyduğunu ve bu müzik aletini Türkiye dönüşünde aile ferdine hediye ederse çok sevineceğini söyleyerek satın almak istedi. Firma sahibi bu müzik aletini kendisine ücretsiz hediye etmek istedi fakat Hakan Bey bunu asla kabul edemeyeceğini, fiyatı neyse ödeyeceğini belirterek fiyatını tam ödemek koşuluyla satın aldı. Hakan Bey, bulunduğu pozisyonun kendisine avantaj sağlamasına asla izin vermedi. Bu şekilde dürüst, ilkeli ve prensipli davrandığı için kendisine olan saygım daha da arttı.

Vereceğiniz hükme herkes gibi ben de saygı duyacağımı bildirir ve çok değer verdiğim Hakan Bey'i tekrar topluma kazandırmanızı ümit ederim.

Saygılarımla,

Berkan Imeri

#### Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Ahmet KARAKAŞ, I am the Manager of Halkbank Commercial Branch in Selçuklu. I have been working at Halkbank for the past 24 years. I have worked as a Department Manager at the Corporate Headquarters for 12 years. During that time, I had the chance to work with Hakan Atilla and get to know him closely since he was also assigned there. I have known Hakan Atilla for nearly 14 years. His wife is also a work colleague of ours. I also had the opportunity to work with his wife as well, when I served as a Director of the Deposits Department.

Hakan Atilla was born into a middle-classed Turkish family and had successfully built a career where he was promoted to the difficult and respectable position of Deputy General Manager at Halkbank. He first started at lower ranks but climbed up rapidly all owing it to his knowledge and skills. He is a graduate of Gazi University Faculty of Administrative Sciences which is the preferred school for the children who come from the background of low and middle class families, who are either workers, civil servants or craftsmen (I graduated from the same school during the same period, therefore I am well aware of the student profile). Becoming the Deputy General Manager of International Banking at a major bank such as Halkbank after graduating from that university is a true success story. He had accomplished that.

If I recall correctly, we and a few other friends had dinner with him back in May 2016 near the Corporate Headquarters. Two months after that I got assigned to another branch therefore I did not get a chance to see him again. However, he was one of the few friends who called to congratulate me and comfort me after my appointment. I would kindly like to tell you a bit about my friend and work colleague Hakan Atilla and point out a few personality traits, hoping that it might help you get to know him better.

- 1. Most importantly, Hakan Atilla has always worked selflessly at the office and is definitely devoted. He never hesitates to tell what he deems to be right related to his job. This is one of Hakan's most important qualities that I have seen. He is the kind of person who does not hesitate to tell the truth even if it might mean he is going to be criticized by his colleagues. In fact, he had some criticism directed to me during some of our meetings when I was working as the Director of the Deposits Department. However, it's because I knew of this trait in his character, I never took it personal and considered it constructive criticism as they were related to work.
- 2. Hakan Atilla is one of the most honest people I have ever known. I have never seen nor heard him do anything different than what he has said. I can definitely say, that if he had said something about a certain matter, he must have said it because he believed it to be true. He has always kept his word or tried his best to do so.
- 3. Apart from Hakan's constructive criticisms, I have never seen him nor heard him upset anyone at work. He does not compromise when it is to do with work but other than that, he is an extremely friendly person.
- 4. It is not even possible for me to think that Hakan could have ever been involved in any illegal transactions. He is a decent and honest person who can never be inclined to commit a crime and/or violate the law. In fact, I had witnessed, from time to time, him getting negative reactions from his colleagues during some of our meetings because of his honesty and his determination to tell the truth.
- 5. The last time I saw Hakan was at the dinner I mentioned previously above and we happened to have talked about his son. He is devoted to his family and he loves his wife and son dearly. You can see his eyes sparkle when he talks about his son.

- 6. Honorable Judge Berman, Hakan's professional and family life are in order. I would kindly like to state that if such a decent person were to be punished, would it not result in being very devastating for both him and his family? If someone, who were not inclined to commit a crime and is so devoted to their work and family were to be punished, then would it not be a disappointing result for anyone who earns a living doing their jobs, and are as equally devoted and are loyal to their community and country and believe that they actually serve the good for humanity? It would certainly be disappointment to me. On the other hand, if he is acquitted and is released at the end of this trial process, then both Hakan and his loved ones will be very happy and we will see that once again honesty has triumphed and justice has been prevailed, just as it should be.
- 7. As far as I know, one of Hakan's hobbies was fishing. He would grab his fishing pole and go fishing on the coast of Üsküdar. I hope that because of your decision he would be able to go back to this hobby as soon as possible.

Your Honor, you only had the chance to know about Hakan Atilla through the witness testimonies/or statements and the documents that have been provided to you. As you would appreciate, this is nowhere near sufficient nor enough to even get to know a person, a bank executive, or a husband, father, or a son and a friend. Throughout my 10 year-long career as an auditor, I had always acknowledged this. You have much more professional expertise than I may ever have, being a civil servant of USA. With your permission, I have told you what I know about him and have mentioned a couple of his qualities. He is an honest person who believes in his people and the values of humanity. For him to be able to go back to his job, wife and son, work colleagues and fishing on the coast of Üsküdar, is only possible by Your means of giving a positive and considerate evaluation.

02/12/2018

Yours sincerely,

Ahmet KARAKAŞ

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Sayın Hakim Berman,

Ben Ahmet KARAKAŞ, Halkbank Selçuklu Ticari Şube Müdürüyüm. 24 yıldır Halkbank'ta çalışıyorum. 12 yıl Genel Müdürlük'te Daire Başkanlığı görevinde bulundum ve bu süre zarfında benim gibi Genel Müdüklük'te çalışan Hakan Atilla ile beraber çalışma ve O'nu daha yakından tanıma fırsatım oldu. Yaklaşık 14 yıldır Hakan Atilla'yı tanıyorum. Eşi de çalışma arkadaşımızdır. Mevduat Daire Başkanlığı yaptığım dönemde eşi ile birlikte çalışma fırsatımız oldu.

Hakan Atilla orta halli bir Türk ailesinin çocuğu olarak, bilgi ve becerisi ile Halkbankası'nda alt seviyelerde başladığı çalışma hayatını Genel Müdür Yardımcılığı gibi zor ve onurlu bir göreve ve makama yükselerek taçlandırmayı başarmıştır. Gazi Üniversitesi İktisadi İdari Bilimler Fakültesi gibi düşük ve orta gelirli işçi, memur ve esnaf çocuklarının gittiği bir okuldan mezun olup (ben de aynı okuldan aynı dönemde mezun oldum, öğrenci profilini bu nedenle iyi bilirim) Halkbankası gibi büyük bir bankada Uluslararası Bankacılık konusunda Genel Müdür Yardımcısı olmak tam anlamıyla bir başarıdır. O bunu başarmıştır.

Kendisi ile 2016 yılının yanlış hatırlamıyorsam Mayıs ayında Genel Müdürlük yakınlarında birkaç arkadaşımızla birlikte yemek yemiş ve sohbet etmiştik. Ben iki ay sonra Genel Müdürlük'ten şubeye tayın olduğum için sonrasında yüz yüze görüşme fırsatımız olmadı. Ancak, tayınımden sonra beni arayarak tebrik ve teselli eden birkaç arkadaşımdan birisi idi. Burada izninize sığınarak arkadaşım, iş arkadaşım Hakan Atilla'nın bildiğim birkaç özelliğini sizin de onu tanımanıza yardımı olur umuduyla belirtmek isterim.

- 1.Hakan Atilla, herşeyden önce işle ilgili konularda özveri ile çalışan, iş odaklı bir kişidir. İşiyle ilgili olması gerekeni, doğru bildiklerini bulunduğu her ortamda çekinmeden dile getirir. Hakan'ın benim tanık olduğum en belirgin özelliği budur. O iş arkadaşlarının eleştiriden alınması pahasına doğru bildiklerini söylemekten çekinmeyen bir kişidir. Ki, Mevduat Daire Başkanlığı yaparken benim işimle ilgili de toplantılarda eleştirileri olmuştur. Ancak ben onun bu özelliğini bildiğim için ve söyledikleri işle ilgili olduğu için söylediklerini yapıcı eleştiri olarak algılamıştım.
- 2. Hakan Atilla tanıdığım en dürüst kişilerden birisidir. Ben O'nun bugüne kadar söylediklerinden farklı şeyler yaptığına ne şahit oldum ne de duydum. Şunu net olarak ifade edebilirim ki O bir konuda bir şey söylemişse doğru bildiği için ve inandığı için söylemiştir. Söylediklerini de yapmış veya yapmaya çalışmıştır.
- 3. Hakan'ın yapıcı eleştirileri dışında iş yerinde herhangi bir kişiyi kırdığını üzdüğünü ne gördüm ne duydum. O işle ilgili konularda tavizsiz ama onun dışındaki konularda arkadaş canlısı birisidir.
- 4.Hakan'ın yasal olmayan herhangi bir şey yaptığını düşünmem bile mümkün değildir. O suç işlemeye ve yasalara aykırı davranmaya yatkın olmayan, düzgün ve dürüst bir kişiliktir. Ki toplantılarda bu dürüstlük ve doğru bildiğini söyleme özelliği dolayısıyla zaman zaman meslektaşlarının tepkisini çektiğine de şahidim.
- 5.Hakan ile yukarıda bahsettiğim, son görüşmemiz olan yemekte oğlu ile ilgili de konuşmuştuk. O oğlunu ve eşini seven, ailesine düşkün birisidir. Oğlundan bahsederken gözlerinin parladığını görürsünüz.
- 6.Gerek iş gerekse aile hayatı böylesine düzgün ve düzenli olan Hakan'ın alacağı cezanın gerek kendisi gerekse ailesi için umut kırıcı bir sonuç olacağını affınıza sığınarak ifade etmek isterim Sayın Berman. Suç işlemeye yatkın olmayan, işine ve ailesine bağlı,

işiyle ve yaptıklarıyla hem geçimini temin eden hem de milletine ve bağlı olduğu insanlık ailesine hizmet ettiğini düşünen insanlar için bir umut kırıcı eylem olmaz mı? Benim için öyle olur. Öte yandan bu yargı sürecinden hakettiği gibi aklanarak çıktığında O'nun ve sevenlerinin yüzü gülecek, dürüstlüğün olması gerektiği gibi galip geldiğini göreceğiz.

7.Hakan'ın iş dışında bildiğim hobilerinden birisi de balık tutması idi; oltasını alıp Üsküdar sahilinde balık tutmak. Umarım, sayenizde en kısa sürede bu hobisine tekrar kavuşur.

Sayın Hakim, Hakan Atilla'yı siz sadece tanık ifadeleri ve onların işaret ettiği belgeler üzerinden tanıma fırsatı buldunuz. Siz de takdir edersiniz ki 49 yıllık hayatı ve 23 yıllık çalışma hayatı olan bir banka görevlisi, bir eş, bir baba, bir oğul, bir arkadaşı bu şekilde yeterince tanımak mümkün değildir. Ben 10 yıl müfettişlik hayatımda bunu hep itiraf ettim. Siz ki benden çok daha fazla mesleki tecrübesi olan bir ABD yetkilisisiniz. Ben sizin izninize ve hoşgörünüze sığınarak onunla ilgili bildiğim, tanık olduğum birkaç özelliği dile getirdim. O suçsuzdur. O hem milletine hem insanlık değerlerine inanan dürüst bir insandır. Onun tekrar işine, eşine, oğluna, iş arkadaşlarına ve Üsküdar sahilinde balık tutmaya kavuşabilmesi Sizin yapacağınız insaflı ve olumlu değerlendirmelerle olacaktır.

12.02.2018

Saygılarımla,

Ahmet KARAKAS

#### Your Honor,

My name is Ergin KAYA. I have been working at Halkbank since 1989. I worked as an auditor and had various managerial positions on different levels. Currently, I am still working as a senior executive at the Bank.

Throughout my entire career, I had the chance to closely get to know Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA. Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA has always been known as an extremely intelligent and hardworking person ever since he first started many years ago as an Expert Specialist. By his own personal efforts, he managed to improve his English language skills; and thus was able to undertake roles of internationally representing our bank. His knowledge about our Bank's financial data, and his ability to effectively articulate them clearly made him develop very positive relations with the foreign investors who had shares in our Bank. He is a very disciplined and hardworking executive in his professional life and is highly considerate of training all the employees by conforming to the standards. He is a handsome and well-dressed person. A banker who is familiar with the Western standards and whose presence is immediately felt in any setting.

Our bank has established a sports club that has achieved international accomplishments. Our Club is predominantly known for its volleyball activities. Hakan and I have worked as managers of the club in the years that passed. In that time we developed a very close friendship. He was especially good at making good decisions and getting to know people well .He would analyze the athletes' psychology very well and he would coach them accordingly. We received many successful results in the field of volleyball. And in that sense, Mr. Hakan had a big role to play in that success.

Apart from this, our wives both love and know each other very well. Hakan's father-in-law Serbülent YASUN is a well-known singer who has worked for many years in Turkey's public broadcasting institution, the Turkish Radio and Television Corporation. Mr. Serbülent has given my wife music lessons and have worked together for many, many years. We hereby, had the chance of meeting Hakan's entire family. Hakan's wife Burçin ATİLLA also works at Halkbank and she is a very successful banker, as well. Hakan and Burçin make a very good couple and the fact that they are very much in love with each other is closely acknowledged by everyone. It is such that their beloved son's name happens to be a combination of both of their first names. Hakan is a person who very much values family ties. Every time his son's name comes up in the many personal conversations, I could see how much his eyes sparkle with love and how proud he is of him.

Hakan has always been a good friend whom I can rely on. Hakan is one of the most trusted people at the bank and has always been known to stick to his word. His absence is very much felt and I miss him very much. However, most importantly, I really want his family, his wife and his son to be reunited with him as soon as possible. He is a good person and I think it is his right to be with his family. I hope my wishes come true.

Yours sincerely,

Ergin Kaya {SIGNED}

Deputy General Manager Banking Operations and Information Technologies Sayın Hakim,

Ben Ergin KAYA. 1989 yılından beri Halkbank'ta çalışıyorum. Müfettişlik ve çeşitli kademelerde yöneticilik yaptım. Halen bankamda üst düzey yönetici olarak görev yapmaktayım.

Çalışma hayatım boyunca Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA'yı detaylı şekilde tanıma fırsatı buldum. Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA, Uzman olarak görev yaptığı ilk yıllarında bile Bankada hep çok zeki ve çalışkan biri olarak bilindi. Kişisel çabasıyla, İngilizcesini geliştirdi ve uluslararası bankacılık ilişkilerinde Bankamızı temsil eden roller üstlendi. Bankamızın mali verilerine hakimiyeti, bunları etkili ve anlaşılır şekilde anlatma becerisi ile Bankamızın hisselerine sahip yabancı yatırımcılarla çok pozitif ilişkiler geliştirdi. İş yaşamında çok disiplinli, çok çalışkan bir yöneticidir ve standartlara uyum konusunda tüm çalışanlarını eğiten bir anlayışa sahiptir. Çok şık giyinen, yakışıklı, batı standartlarını çok iyi bilen, bulunduğu ortamda farkını hissettirebilen bir Bankaçıdır.

Bankamızın kurucusu olduğu, uluslararası düzeyde başarılara sahip bir spor kulübümüz bulunmaktadır. Kulübümüz ağırlıklı olarak Voleybol alanında faaliyet göstermektedir. Geçmiş yıllarda Hakan ile birlikte bu kulüpte yöneticilik yaptık. Bu süreçte çok yakın bir dostluğumuz oldu. Karar alma yeteneği, insanları tanımaktaki başarısı çok çarpıcıydı. Sporcuların psikolojisini çok iyi analiz eder, onlara ciddi anlamda koçluk yapardı. Voleybol branşında çok sayıda başarılı sonuçlar aldık. Bunda Hakan'ın çok önemli payı olmuştur.

Bunun ötesinde, eşlerimiz de birbirini tanır ve severler. Hakan'ın eşinin babası Serbülent YASUN Türkiye'nin kamusal yayın kuruluşu olan Türkiye Radyo Televizyon Kurumu'nda uzun yıllar çalışmış, tanınmış bir ses sanatçısıdır. Serbülent Bey, eşime yıllarca müzik dersleri verdi ve birlikte çalıştılar. Bu vesileyle, Hakan'ın tüm ailesiyle tanışma şansı bulduk. Hakan'ın eşi Burçin ATİLLA da Halkbank'ta çalışmaktadır ve o da çok başarılı bir bankacıdır. Hakan ve Burçin birbirlerine çok yakışan bir çifttir ve birbirlerine olan aşkları herkes tarafından yakından bilinir. O kadar ki, biricik çocuklarının adı ikisinin adının birleşmesinden oluşmuştur. Hakan, aile bağlarına çok önem veren bir babadır. Kişisel sohbetlerinde oğlunun adı her geçtiğinde onunla gurur duyduğunu görür, gözlerinin sevgiyle parladığını izlerdim.

Hakan benim için, her zaman güvenebileceğim sağlam bir dost olmuştur. Hakan, bankada en çok güvenilirliği, verdiği sözlere sadık olmasıyla tanınır. Onun eksikliğini çok hissediyor ve onu çok özlüyorum. Ama daha önemlisi, ailesinin, eşinin ve oğlunun ona bir an önce kavuşmasını çok istiyorum. O iyi bir insan ve ailesi ile birlikte olmak onun hakkı diye düşünüyorum. Umarım bu dileklerim gerçekleşir.

Saygilar sunarim.

Egin Kaya

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02/07/2018

Your Honor,

My name is Leyla Kocatas. I started working at Halk Bankasi on 07.12.1995 in the same department and on the same day as Mehmet Hakan Atilla. Since those early days of work when we were young, we have experienced the things life has brought to us and has taken from us, our marriages, and births of our children, our happy and sad days together as close friends. I had a car accident one and a half year ago. This accident has turned my life upside-down. When I was trying to recover from the physical and psychological damages of this traumatic accident, Mehmet Hakan and his family were always by my side, both during my recovery process at the hospital and at home.

Our wish is to see my friend of twenty-two years, Mehmet Hakan, whose diligence, honesty and altruism has been appreciated not only by me but all his friends and who I always have admired as a good spouse and a good father, back here in Turkey. Your honor, we kindly seek your refuge in your compassion.

Yours sincerely, 02/07/2018

Leyla KOCATAS {Signed}

Address: REDACTED Ankara

Sayın Hakim,

Ben Leyla Kocataş. Mehmet Hakan Atilla ile 12.07.1995 tarihinde aynı gün ve aynı Birimde Halk Bankasında işe başladım. İş hayatımıza başladığımız gençlik günlerimizden beri hayatın bize getirdiklerini, bizden götürdüklerini, evliliklerimizi, çocuklarımızın doğumunu, acı günlerimizi, mutlu günlerimizi yakın arkadaşlar olarak yaşadık. Ben bir buçuk sene önce bir trafik kazaşı geçirdim. Bu kaza bütün hayatımı alt üst etti. Kazadan sonra hem hastanede hem de evde geçirdiğim istirahat dönemimde, bu travmatik olayın fiziksel ve psikolojik yaralarını sarmaya çalışırken her zaman olduğu gibi Mehmet Hakan ve ailesi hep yanımda oldular.

Çalışkanlığı, dürüstlüğü ve yardımseverliği ile sadece benim değil bütün arkadaşlarının da hayranlığını kazanan, iyi bir eş ve baba olarak her zaman takdir ettiğim yirmi iki yıllık arkadaşım Mehmet Hakan'ı ailesi ile birlikte Türkiye'de görmek en büyük dileğimizdir. Sayın Hakim bunun için hoşgörünüze sığınıyoruz.

Saygilarimla, 07/02/2018

Leyla KOCATAS

Adres: REDACTED

/Ankara

02.05.2017

Your Honour,

My name is Umut Kovanci and I am working at Halkbank Investor Relations team for almost six years. I met Our Deputy General Manager M. Hakan Atilla in the hiring process as he was the executive interviewing the candidates including me. I have to admit it was quite a surprise to see that I was hired and even accepted into his team despite having a hard debate with him during the interview. I remember very well, I had already started to think about other alternatives when I left the building after the interview and I felt really unlucky to come across him among all other managers whom I might have a better communication and understanding with. Anyway, he gave me what I was believing I deserved and this was the first sign for me that he was respectful and fair.

From the first moment I started to work, I had the opportunity to work closely with him. He really impressed us all with a fair sense of management that gives people the opportunity to work without worrying about their titles. This is not just mine, but a generally accepted idea among all colleagues working with him. He has always been a guide for my career and has created a unit here that allows everyone to discuss any idea or consult any decision one may have. I can comfortably say that he has always been encouraging to people to develop their social and business skills. Many people here feel that we owe it to him working in a happy and a fair environment.

I have had a close relationship with Mr. Atilla because of the way we do our work. Together we had the opportunity to attend overseas investor meetings as well as domestic ones, spend time in the business and social environment. I have observed that he is very honest, helpful and hardworking in all aspects. He is a very good role model for people who started their career here, by working so hard and treating everyone equilty and respectfully since the beginning of his professional career in the Bank. I have also witnessed repeatedly that he always backs his people and shows his utmost effort in doing the right thing. We are often in close touch with foreign analysts and investors and I was able to see many times that they have a very positive attitude for him. He is a very well-known and respected person in the financial community and an executive who always contributes to how our bank is percepted in the minds of third parties.

The only wish we all have here right now is that he will come back to us safe and sound as soon as he proved to be innocent. We have a strong belief in him and in you as well. All I can do now is simply beg your indulgence and hope that you will let him come back to his family as soon as possible. You honour, you are our only hope, possibly our last hope to help an innocent and honest man to be together with his family and beloved ones again.

Yours faithfully,

Umut Kovancı

Address: REDACTED / Istanbul

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02/09/2018

Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Erol Kul. In 1997, I started working at Halkbank's Retail and Private

Banking Directorate as a staff member. I am currently serving as a division manager at the

Corporate Communications Department. I am married with two children.

Directorate. Even though we were assigned to different departments, we became good friends owing to the fact of Mr. Hakan's warm attitude. All of our mutual friends respected him tremendously, liked him and trusted him. In fact, his attitude and behavior throughout this whole period had a significant contribution to my personal development. I found his experience in the banking industry extremely valuable, when I had the opportunity in 2002 to start working for Mr. Hakan in the Department of Strategic Planning. This may have been one of the most important steps in my personal development and a big transformation in my career. Until I changed my position in 2007, I had the chance to get to know Mr. Hakan very closely. In my opinion, Mr. Hakan's most valuable characteristic was his constructive and positive approach in every field. In fact, it had come to a point where it would surprise me to see Mr. Hakan's love and care for the stray animals on our lunch breaks and I would wonder why anyone would ever leave their work and spend time helping these animals. One day when I asked him why on earth was he doing this, he answered; "If we disregard them just because they cannot tell us their problems, this would not be fair at all." In my opinion, I believe if someone thinks this way about stray

animals, he must be an incredibly compassionate and kind-hearted person. I believe that such a

person deserves tolerance and empathy. I believe that such a person deserves to be free so that

he can live with his wife and child and can continue changing people like me. His wife and child

are extremely heartbroken because of this situation and I think by not being able to be by their

side has a very negative effect and impact on this young and successful executive's psychology.

Considering his accomplishments and achievements and his position at work, I think that he

definitely deserves to be with his wife and child in Turkey.

I am confident that all of the proceedings will be completed in accordance to justice.

Yours sincerely,

{SIGNED}

Erol KUL

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Istanbul, 02/15/2017

#### Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is İdris Kurhan. I am 32 years old, married and a father of two. I have been a security guard for nearly 9 years. I started working as a security guard at Halkbank in August 2014. I soon thereafter began working at the bank's VIP floor. I met Mr. Hakan shortly after starting work there. At the previous places I worked at, there had only been a few people I was able to be close to and have a dialogue with. However, Mr. Mehmet Hakan Atilla has always been a kind and unprejudiced person since the day I met him. Normally here in Turkey, the senior executives do not usually converse or interact much with us employees. They are usually strict and serious towards us but Mehmet Hakan Atilla did not differentiate us from the rest. If he were to ever see any of us even remotely upset, he would persistently ask that person what was wrong.

One day, he realized I was upset and approached me like he always had done, asking me what was wrong. I told him that a baby of one of our friends from the bank's Security Department needed to have an operation because it was ill. Mr. Hakan said that that was good news, if it's having an operation then the problem at hand should be resolved in no time. I hinted that our colleague did not have the financial means to afford the hospital expenses. I later found out that the bank had agreed to cover all the expenses of the surgery. I remember our whole group of friends being incredibly happy. When I saw Mr. Hakan the next day, I told him about the news and he was as happy as I was. Turns out that it was Mr. Hakan who reached out to the administration and arranging the necessary support. But, he himself never mentioned this to us. He even repeatedly kept asking us if there was anything he could do, asserting that he was standing by us, and that "The Children are the light of our future."

Honorable Judge Berman, Mr. Hakan is the kind of person who does not even speak of his good deeds. I have never met such a caring executive. Above all else, he is a good person. Such people are hard to come by nowadays, Your Honor. He has too many good qualities to count for. It is unfair for a person like him to be there.

Honorable Judge Berman, I would like to kindly ask you to think over again and again about the decision you are about to make. My family and all his loved ones are praying for him here. I plead for your empathy and kindly request Mr. Hakan to be sent back to Turkey - to his home, to his family and to all of us that love him.

Yours sincerely, İdris Kurhan [signature]

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Istanbul / Turkey

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Istanbul, 15.02.2017

Sayın Hakim Berman,

Adım İdris Kurhan. Evli, 2 çocuk babası ve 32 yaşındayım. Yaklaşık 9 senedir Güvenlik görevlisiyim. 2014 senesinin Ağustos ayında Halkbank'ta Güvenlik görevlisi olarak işe başladım. Kısa süre de bankamızın Vip katında çalışmaya başladım. Çalışmaya başladığım yıllar da Hakan Bey' i çok kısa bir zamanda tanıdım. Daha önceden çalıştığım yerlerde samimi olduğum, dialog kurabildiğim çok az insan vardı. Oysa ki Sayın Mehmet Hakan Atilla kendisiyle tanıştığım günden beri çok nezaketli ve insan ayırt etmeyen biridir. Genelde Üst Düzey insanlar biz çalışanlarla çok iletişim kurmazlar. Sert ve gayet ciddi olurlar ama Mehmet Hakan Atilla bizleri kimselerden ayırt etmezdi. Bizleri azıcık sıkıntılı görse sorunun ne olduğunu ısrarla sorardı.

Bir gün sıkıntılı olduğumu anladı ve her zaman ki gibi sordu. Neyin var problem ne diye? Bankamızda çalışan diğer Güvenlik arkadaşımızın bebeğinin hastalığından dolayı ameliyat olması gerekiyor dedim. Hakan bey' de ne güzel işte ameliyat olunca problemin çözüleceğini söyledi. Fakat iş arkadaşımızın maddi durumunun çok elverişli olmadığından hastane masraflarını karşılayacak gücü olmadığını ona hissettirdim. Daha sonradan duydum ki bankamız yapılacak olan ameliyatın tüm masraflarının karşılayacağını öğrendim. Çok sevinmiştik arkadaşlarımızla. Ertesi gün Hakan Bey' i görünce anlattım o da benim kadar sevinmişti. Destek olan yönetime ileten Hakan Bey'miş. Fakat kendisi bunu bize söylemedi. Tekrar tekrar da sordu yapılacak bir şey olursa yanınızdayım dedi ve de şunu söyledi "Çocuklarımız geleceğimizin ışıklarıdır."

Sayın Hakim Berman, Hakan bey yaptığı iyiliği bile söylemeyen bir insan. Onun kadar yardımsever iyi bir yönetici ben görmedim. Yöneticiliğinin yanı sıra her şeyden önce iyi bir insan. Günümüzde böyle insan çok az Sayın Hakim. Kendisinin sayısız yönlerini anlatmakla bitiremem. Böyle bir insanın orada olması haksızlık.

Sayın Hakim Berman, vereceğiniz kararı tekrar tekrar düşünmenizi istiyorum ve sizlerden rica ediyorum. Burada ailem ve tüm sevdikleri onun için dua ediyor. Hoşgörünüze sığınarak Hakan Bey' i Türkiye'ye vatanına, ailesine ve biz sevenlerine göndermenizi istiyorum.

Saygilarımla,

Idris Karhan

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Your Honor,

My name is Arzu Özisbakan. I am currently working at Halkbank's Sahrayıcedit Branch as a Manager. I am writing this letter to you in order to express my personal views about Mr. Mehmet Hakan Atilla.

I have worked together with Mehmet Hakan Atilla between the years of 2004 and 2017 at Halkbank. During this time, Mr. Hakan has been one of those executives that I have taken as a role model given to his honest, kind and humble personality and his knowledge about banking. Over the years of working together, he has supported me substantially and I would like to share one of the most meaningful times with you. In 2008, my son was 3 years old and he was hospitalized after being diagnosed with neuroblastoma (a specific kind of pediatric cancer) and following this, a very difficult treatment process started for in Turkey. As the disease was in its advanced stage, the treatments he received in Turkey were not sufficient and we decided to take our son to the Cologne University Hospital which we have learned to be the best treatment site in Europe for this disease. Our entire family supported us financially for this cause because the treatment that we requested in Cologne was an expensive oncological treatment and our health insurances in Turkey did not cover it.

Right at this point, Mehmet Hakan Atilla intervened and he ensured that I was granted all necessary permissions from the Bank's senior management so that I could be appointed to Halkbank's Cologne Branch as personnel as we would have the treatment there. His unit ensured that I was appointed to our Cologne Branch promptly. Consequently, while my son was having treatment in Cologne I was able to be with him. At the same time it had become possible as per procedure for our Bank to cover all our healthcare expenses in Cologne. During this period when we were experiencing very hard and miserable times as a family, our Bank standing by us, under Mr. Hakan's leadership, had given us hope and strength. I will be eternally grateful to Mehmet Hakan Atilla and to my Bank for making sure that I could spend time with my son and be there for him throughout the entire treatment process.

In light of this, as a friend and work colleague of Mehmet Hakan Atilla, I would like to kindly request for his release soon so that he can be able to be reunited with his wife and son. I am asking on behalf of him for your mercy.

Yours sincerely,

02/08/2018

Arzu Özisbakan

{SIGNED}

#### Savin Hakim;

İsmim Arzu Özisbakan, halen Halkbank Sahrayteedit Şube Müdürü olarak görev yapmaktayım. Bu mektubu Sayın Mehmet Hakan Atilla ile ilgili şahsi görüşlerimi bildirmek üzere size yazıyorum.

Mehmet Hakan Atilla ile 2004-2017 yılları arasında Halkbank Aş bünyesinde birlikte çalıştık. Bu dönem içerisinde Hakan Bey iyi, dürüst, mütevazi kişiliği ve bankacılık bilgisi ile her zaman örnek aldığım bir yöneticim oldu. Birlikte çalıştığımız yıllar içinde kendisinin benim hayatında önemli destekleri olmuştur ki bunlardan benim için en anlamlı olanı paylaşmak istiyorum ; 2008 yılında oğlum. REDACTE 3 yaşındaki iken noroblastom (bir tür çocukluk çağı kanseri) teşhisi ile hastancye yatırıldı ve akabinde için Türkiye 'de çok zorlu bir tedavi süreci başladı. Hastalığın ileri evre olması nedeni ile Türkiye de almış olduğumuz tedavilerden maalesef cevap alamadık ve bu hastalık ile ilgili Avrupa'daki en iyi tedavi merkezi olduğunu öğrendiğimiz Köln Üniversitesi Hastanesine oğlumuzu götürmeye karar verdik, bu amaç için tüm ailemiz maddi olanaklarını seferber etti, çünkü Köln 'de alacağımız tedavi pahalı bir onkolojik tedavi olup, ancak Türkiye'de geçerli olan sağlık sigortalarımızca karşılanamıyordu.

Tam bu noktada Mehmet Hakan Atilla devreye girerek tedavimizin gerçekleşeceği Köln'de bulunan Halkbank Şubesine görevli olarak atamamın yapılması için Bankamızın üst yönetiminden gerekli tüm izinlerin alınmasını sağladı. O dönemde yöneticiliğini yaptığı birim tarafından benim hızlıca Köln Şubemizde görevlendirilmem sağlandı. Böylece küçük oğlum Köln de tedavi görürken, orada çalışıyor olmam nedeni ile tüm gün onunla birlikte olmam mümkün hale gelmiş diğer yandan da tüm sağlık giderlerimiz Bankamız tarafından karşılanması prosedür olarak mümkün hale getirilmişti. Aile olarak oldukça üzücü ve zor günler geçirdiğimiz bu dönemde Hakan Bey in öncülüğü ile Bankamın yanımızda olması bize her zaman güç ve umut verdi. Oğlum ile daha uzun zamanlar geçirerek tüm tedavisi boyunca yanında olmamı sağladıkları için Mehmet Hakan Atilla'ya ve Bankama olan vefa borcum yaşamım boyunca devanı edecektir.

Bu noktada Mehmet Hakan Atilla'nın bir çalışma arkadaşı ve dostu olarak sizlerden talebim onun da oğluna ve eşine kayuşabilmesi için özgürlüğüne en kısa sürede kayuşmasıdır. Sizlerden onun adına hoşgörü diliyorum.

Savgilarimia,

08/02/2018

Arzu Özisbakan

#### Your Honor,

My name is Mustafa Özkan. I have been working for Halkbank since 1987. I started out my career as an auditor and have continued as a branch manager. I have spent my entire career at Halkbank and I am now at the end of a career I truly enjoyed before my retirement.

When I started working at Halkbank as a young auditor, I had recently graduated from college and had started to gain some experience, along the way I started to get to know and evaluate my colleagues better. In the following years I started to get to know many new colleagues who started working at the Bank. Mehmet Hakan Atilla, with his politeness, intelligence, drive and continuous efforts to self-improve and always doing his best at work, was one of the younger colleagues whom I have been proud to say I'm glad to have known. He truly loved our bank; it was beyond professional loyalty. Over time, apart from professionally going up the career ladder, it was because he truly loved the bank that he reached the position of Deputy General Manager.

As he moved up successfully in his career as a respectable banker, his private life and family life were also very much admired. His career achievements did not spoil him; quite the contrary he had become even more humble, tolerant and mature. He became the first person everyone would think of when they needed help regarding either their work or their private life.

Seeing M. Hakan Atilla's name together with some concepts of crime has been a source of great sadness not only for me but for many people as well. The word crime and M. Hakan Atilla's name certainly do not go together and their use in the same sentence in fact, seems unreal. For example, during the trial when it came up that the fact that he had not accepted any bribe from anyone, did not surprise us because we knew him so well.

One of the most important stages regarding the trial procedure will be carried out by your Court in April. When you are making your decision, I hope and I believe that you will consider the fact that M. Hakan Atilla is a Turkish citizen; his wife, his child and all of his human interactions, along with his personal memories are in Turkey. I think that this is not only humane but also legally fair. Because even if one lives a free life being far away from his family and in a different country, it is not even easy to begin to describe and in fact impossible, the misery and impact it has on life by being imprisoned. Prisoners are visited by their families from time to time and this is very important. His family in Turkey has very limited resources to see their husband or father who is in prison in the US. This makes the prison sentence even more impactful. One day feels like one year in fact.

For a moment, just imagine someone you know is arrested and incarcerated in another country outside of the US. I am hoping that you would agree that the time that this person will spend there cannot be equivalent to the time that they would have spent in the prison in the US.

In principle, since M. Hakan Atilla's arrest, the time he had spent in "a prison in another country", away from his wife and child should be considered as an equivalent to spending ten years and we are sure that you will see it this way. Undoubtedly, your experience and merits will not allow you to disregard this recommendation and request. M. Hakan Atilla's prison time there should come to an end, and that he reunites with his family through Your Honor's mercy and understanding. We are expecting you to evaluate this situation with your utmost consideration.

Your Honor, even if we refuse to believe it, even if we are up against a situation that involves a crime and requires a penalty, the fact that the misery of the time spent in prison in another country should be a sufficient penalty. In summary, it is time for M. Hakan Atilla to be with his family again and this is completely in your hands, and at your discretion and solely depends on your decision. (02/12/2018, Istanbul)

Yours sincerely, Mustafa Özkan [signature]

(02/12/2018, Halkbank Genel Müdürlük (Head Office) Merkez Bina Kat: 10 batı Ataşehir / Istanbul)

Sayın Hakim,

Benim adım Mustafa Özkan. 1987 yılından bu yana Halkbank'ta çalışıyorum. Müfettiş olarak göreve başladığım meslek hayatımı şube müdürü olarak sürdürdüm. Bütün iş hayatım Halkbank'ta geçti ve artık çok sevdiğim mesleğimin son dönemlerini icra ediyorum.

Üniversiteden yeni mezun olmuş genç bir müfettiş olarak başladığım Halkbank'takl iş hayatımda tecrübe kazanmaya başladıkça insanları ve meslektaşlarımı daha iyi tanımak ve değerlendirmek gibi melekeler de kazanmaya başladım. Aradan bir süre geçtikten sonra, Bankaya yeni başlayan arkadaşlarla tanışmaya başladığımızda, beyefendi kişiliği, zekası, azmi, kendini geliştirme ve işini en iyi şekilde yapma gayreti ile Mehmet Hakan Atilla, "iyi ki tanımışım" dediğim genç arkadaşlarımdan biri oldu. Zaman içinde mesleki basamakları en iyi şekilde çıkıp profosyonel anlayış dışında gönülden de sevdiği Bankamızda Genel Müdür Yardımcılığı pozisyonuna kadar yükseldi.

Meslek hayatında iyi bir bankacı olarak başarı ile yükselirken aynı zamanda özel hayatı ve aile hayatında da gıpta edilen bir yaşam sürdürüyordu. Mesleki başarı kendisini şımartmamış, tam tersine giderek gelişen tevazu, hoşgörü ve olgunluk özellikleri gelişme göstermişti. Hem mesleki hem de özel hayat ile ligili sorunlarda yardıma ihtiyaç duyulduğunda, bir çok insanın aklına ilk gelen kişi haline geldi.

Suç kavramı ve M.Hakan Atilla İsmini yan yana görmek bir çok İnsan gibi benim için de büyük üzüntü kaynağı olmuştur. Suç kavramı ile M.Hakan Atilla İsmi birlikte asla yakışmamakta ve adeta gerçeklikten uzak durmaktadır. Örneğin; dava sırasında konu edilen "rüşvet almadığı" hususu, kendisini tanıyan bizler için sürpriz bir durum olarak görülmemiştir.

Dava süreci ile ilgili en önemli aşamalardan biri Nisan ayında Hakimliğiniz tarafından yerine getirilecektir. Vereceğiniz kararda; M.Hakan Atilla'nın Türk Vatandaşı olduğunu, eşinin, çocuğunun ve tüm insani bağları ile maddi ve manevi geçmişinin Türkiye'de bulunduğu gerçeğini gözönüne alacağınızı ümit ve tahmin ediyorum. Bu gerçek, son derece insani olduğu gibi hukuki hakkaniyet açısından da öneme sahiptir diye düşünüyorum. Çünkü, özgür bir hayat yaşansa bile başka bir ülkede alleden ayrı geçen zamanların kolay olmadığını düşünürsek, başka bir ülkedeki cezaevi hayatının etkisi ve ızdırabını kelimelerle tarif etmek sanırım mümkün değildir. Cezaevinde bulunan kişileri alleleri zaman zaman ziyaret eder ve bu çok çok önemlidir. Türkiye'deki ailenin ABD cezaevinde bulunan eşini, babasını görebilme imkanı son derece kısıtlıdır. Bu durum cezanın etkisini kat kat artırmaktadır. Adeta, bir gün bir yıla bedel hale gelir.

Bir an için tanıdığınız birinin ABD dışında başka bir ülkede tutuklanıp cezaevine konulduğunu düşünün. O kişinin orada geçireceği sürenin ABD cezaevinde olsaydı geçireceği süreyle eşdeğer olamayacağını mutlaka anlayıp takdir edersiniz diye umuyor ve düşünüyorum.

Esasen; M.Hakan Atilla'nın tutuklandığından bu yana ülkesinden, eşinden, çocuğundan ayrı geçirdiği "yabancı bir ülkedeki cezaevi günlerinin" süresi on yıllara bedel olarak görülmelidir ve böyle göreceğinize de eminiz. Şahsınızın büyük tecrübesi ve vasıfları bu öneri ve isteğe şüphesiz kayıtsız kalmayacaktır. Artık M.Hakan Atilla'nın orada geçirdiği cezaevi günlerinin sonlandırılması ve ailesine kavuşması zatıalinizin takdir ve değerlendirmesi ile mümkün olabilecek bir durum halindedir. Bu durumu, en anlayışlı şekilde değerlendirmenizi bekliyoruz.

Sayın Hakim; İnanmak istemesek de ortada bir suç ve karşılığında bir ceza gibi bir durumla karşı karşıya olsak bile, yabancı bir ülkedeki cezaevinde geçirilen günlerin yarattığı ızdırabın karşılığı artık bu sürenin bitirilmesine değecek bir süredir. Özetle; M.Hakan Atilla'nın ailesiyle birlikte olabilme vakti gelmiştir ve bu tamamen Sizin elinizde, sızın kararınıza bağlı ve Sizin takdırınızdedir. (12.02.2018, İstanbul)

Saygilarımla,

Mustafa/Ozkan/

(12.02.2018, Halkbank Genel Müdürlük Merkez Bina Kat:10 batı Ataşehir/İstanbul)

The Honorable Richard M.Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312 United States

Istanbul February 17th, 2018

Dear Judge Berman,

I met Mr. Atilla first when I started with Halkbank in summer 2012. Mr. Atilla was the Deputy General Manager in the International Banking division of Halkbank and I was one of the two Department Heads directly reporting to Mr. Atilla. We worked together till March 2017 and during this period of time I believe to had the chance to know Mr. Atilla.

Almost one year has passed since his detention last year and in the meantime the court case has been completed and he has been found guilty. This is very unfortunate not only for me, but also for the colleagues, for the people I know knowing Mr.Atilla and last but not least also for his family.

When I started with the bank he was already known to most of the colleagues I met in the bank and I worked together. I understood he was a respected person, direct and open in communication, honest in expressing his ideas and opinions, a reliable colleague and a reliable manager. Having started to work together I was able to confirm these thoughts of the colleagues.

Mr.Atilla is quite experienced in the banking business and was transparent in the communication with the counterparties. In the relation with the investors' community he paid utmost attention to transparency and correctness. Also when it comes to targets, expectations, forecast and budget items he aimed to be as realistic as possible. And I cases where the budget realization was different than that what he was expecting he again was very transparent and honest, not denying what he told before but confessing that his expectation has not been realized and explaining the reasons why. Mr.Atilla is a person known to and respected by the banking and investor community.

Next to his position as Deputy General Manager for International Banking he also was active in non-commercial functions. He was a member of the bank's Corporate Governance Committee, as far as I remember from the very beginning. He motivated the bank to establish a Sustainability Committee and was a member of which as well. He was the one at top level being fully engaged for the bank to join the sustainability index at the stock exchange and for this he had numerous meetings and works with his team and other related personnel motivating all the people to improve and make the necessary progress and thanks to his efforts the bank could join this sustainability index. He again was the one who called in his team and drafted a highly qualitative Anti Bribery and Corruption Policy for the bank which was at global standards and completed this work to be submitted to the board. I have witnessed him to be engaged in several non profit oriented activities and also leading and motivating the teams and also arguing at high level for the implementation of all of this kind of not directly banking related issues.

Mr.Atilla had also a close relationship with all of the staff in International Banking division. Most of the personnel in my team he knew already before me. He paid high attention to fairness and equality and talked several times to me to be informed that the personnel was treated in a fairly manner when it comes to issues such as annual planning of the leaves, for trainings, seminar participation, etc.. Mr.Atilla had gained the staff's confidence before I joined the bank. He never missed the privately important days of the staff. Their wedding ceremonies, the birth of their children, condolence visits,... etc. In good days and in painful days he was with his staff. Visiting them on their special days and

never neglecting the traditional behaviors. Once one part of his team which was still in Ankara but had to move to Istanbul he argued with the Human Resources department and convinced them to make an exception for those personnel the children of which were still young that they will continue to work in Ankara and move to Istanbul at a later more convenient point of time. He was a manager the personnel trusted and did not hesitate to approach when they faced difficulties or problems. Once one personnel had financial difficulties, Mr. Atilla has supported this personnel in the difficult days, the personnel told me after Mr. Atilla was arrested.

He also turned to be a reliable person for me. He was straightforward in his instructions, clear in his strategies, consistent in his behaviors and transparent in his communication to me, to the staff and to the business community. Once I started at Halkbank I was new in the bank and also new in the city. He supported me in the organizational issues in my first days. He also gave me valuable advices and tips for settling down in Istanbul.

Most of the time I spent with Mr.Atilla was in the bank and naturally it was mainly for business. However, since we were several times on business trip, we spend plenty of time out of working hours. Whenever we had the chance we tried to see more from the location we visited for working purpose. We enjoyed visiting historical places, art galleries and antiquity shops. I learned a lot about his hobbies such as painting. Anyway, I also had the chance to learn about his lifestyle and dreams. He was dreaming of having a 30-35 feet sailing boat. He was dreaming of having a farm, close to the coast side. He was dreaming of building his farmhouse and showed me the location on the map, talking the planning for the house, the entrance, where to place the chicken house, the goats, the race of the dog he want to have. He was dreaming of his retirement, living in his farm, with his wife, his relatives and friends visiting him, sailing, fishing, painting ... I sincerely wish him to realize his dreams since I know that these dreams were what he was living for.

In these roughly five years I had also to chance to learn about his family and how dedicated he was to his family. Each annual leave he spent in his summer house which was next to the summer house of his parents. He spent his leave with his wife and son and also inviting his parents in law. Several times he told me how much he enjoyed being together with the family and how happy he feels in his summer house.

Mrs. Atilla I know since she is also personnel of the bank. And his son, whom I also know, is at same age with my son, was attending a private school and was with my son in the same university prep center for one year. He is now studying at a private university. There is no doubt that Mr. Atilla has never shied any expenses neither for his family nor for the education of his son. He also considered his relatives. Especially the children for whom he bought presents I observed while travelling around together and getting the chance for shopping.

We only met once privately which was not a planned meeting at all. Leaving the office in late evening and rushing for the dinner with my wife, which I could organize in last minute on a St. Valentine's Day we arrived at the restaurant and have been shown one table just next to a table where Mr.Atilla, wife and son were sitting and had arrive a few minutes earlier. Family Atilla has sincerely invited us to dine together which was welcome by us and we spent a very pleasant evening with the families.

This wonderful family I know has changed completely after March 2017. We could not convince Mrs. Atilla to go out, and I have never heard about her leaving the house except for the most essential needs. She is not really living any more. Not eating, having lost weight. Not laughing, not talking about anything else than his husband. Having now a destroyed life if one can talk about life at all. The same goes for Mr. Atilla's parents. I knew that they were in Istanbul in Atilla's house and Mrs. Atilla was in New York and his son in the campus in the night when the jury came to a decision and it was publicly known. My wife and me were worried about them and could not reach out to them on the phone. So we rushed out to see them. I will never forget in my life the scene which we saw. I can't describe the pain they felt for their son. After so many month of missing their son, waiting for the day everything is clarified and their son is cleared and will come back. After so many months of hoping

and praying for the best and the truth and that their son will come back soon they were broken down. That night and later on my wife and I spent some time with his parents. A pair, well educated, having spent their life prudently, grown up their children, enjoying their pension. Their life was not anymore the life it used to be and which I knew earlier from Mr.Atilla's talks.

I want is to see Mr. Atilla back again. I want to see Mr. Atilla coming together with his wife, his son, his parents, his relatives and his friends. I want to see his family start laughing again, start living again. I want to see Mr. Atilla working towards his dreams he has for his family. I want to see his and his family's life continuing from that point of time onward when it stopped for them all in March 2017.

Therefore, dear Judge Berman, I want to ask you to bear in mind that Mr. Atilla has a life, which is not a criminal one at all, that he has a family, that he is a husband, he is a father, he is a son. I really kindly ask you to bear in mind that he is a social person, a member of the society, devoted to his family, dedicated to his friends.

Please have mercy, please be lenient.

Respectfully yours

Elvan Öztabak

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judje United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St. New York; NY 10007-1312

February 08, 2018

Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Dilar ÖZTÜRK. I have been working at HalkBank for the past 25 years. Currently, I am working as a medium level executive at the Treasury Administration Department.

Hakan Atilla is considered a 'success story' at Halkbank. He has shown an extraordinary effort especially during our bank's initial public offering and he has become one of the architects of this very successful, exemplary public offering. I do not think anyone was surprised when Hakan Atilla was promoted, as he rightfully deserved it and in fact, we were all proud to see one of us get promoted. He has been a role model and he will continue to be a role model for many young colleagues with his hard work, sense of justice, integrity, transparency and his drive to learn something new every day. This is not only true for our own bank but for the entire banking sector. Even outside the Bank numerous colleagues agree that Hakan Atilla is a very diligent, honest man who does not compromise on ethical values and who is extremely loyal to his Bank.

More importantly, Hakan Atilla is a good person, he is a good friend. He always helps his friends who are in need; he spends all of his free time with his family. He is a good husband and a good father. During this process that he is going through, not only his colleagues at the Bank but also everyone who knows him pray that he will be released as soon as possible.

I believe in justice with all my heart and I kindly ask you to show leniency and fairness so that Hakan can return to his wife, his son, his family and his country.

Yours sincerely,

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08 Subat 2018

The Honorable Richard M.Berman
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Sayın Hākim Berman,

Ben Dilar ÖZTÜRK. 25 yıldır Halk Bankasında çalışıyorum. Halen Hazine Yönetimi Daire Başkanlığında orta kademe yöneticisi olarak çalışıyorum.

Hakan Atilla Halkbank camiasında başarı hikâyesi olarak görülür. Özellikle Bankamızın halka arzı sırasında üstün çaba harcamış, örnek gösterilen halka arz başarımızın mimarlarından biri olmuştur. Hiç kimsenin Hakan Atilla'nın haklı terfilerine şaşırdığını düşünmüyorum, hatta içimizden yükselen biri olarak bizim için gurur kaynağı olmuştur. Birçok genç arkadaşımıza da çalışkanlığı, adaleti, dürüstlüğü, şeffaflığı, her gün tükenmeyen yeni bir şeyler öğrenme azmı örnek olmuştur/olacaktır. Bu sadece kendi bankamız için değil sektör içinde geçerlidir. Banka dışından birçok meslektaşımız da Hakan Atilla için çok çalışkan, dürüst, etik değerlerinden taviz vermeyen, Bankasına son derece bağlı olduğu konusunda hem fikirdir.

Ama asıl bunlardan daha önemli olan Hakan Atilla iyi bir insandır, zor durumdaki bir arkadaşının hemen yanındadır, iyi bir arkadaştır. Bütün boş vakitlerini ailesine adar, iyi bir eş, iyi bir babadır. Yaşadığı bu süreç içinde sadece Bankadaki meslektaşları değil, arkadaşları, onu tanımayan herkes Hakan Atilla'nın özgürlüğüne kavuşması için dua etmektedir.

Adalete bütün kalbimle inanıyor, sizden Hakan'ın eşine, oğluna, ailesine ülkesine kavuşması için hoşgorü ve hakkaniyet istiyorum.

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#### Honorable Judge Berman,

I was born in Şabanozu, Cankiri in 1963. I started working at Halkbank in 1983. I have held a position in nearly every level of this bank. I was most recently transferred from the Denizli Regional Coordination Office, where I served as the Head of Personal Marketing Department, to the General Management Office, due to my health problems (cancer). I lost my husband to cancer in 2000. I have two children -one daughter and one son.

I found the opportunity to meet our Deputy General Manager Mr. Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA and his wife Burçin ATİLLA by the virtue of working in the same unit. I remember asking Mrs. Burçin "Are you Mr. Hakan's wife?" when I found out about this from other people a long time after meeting her for the first time. Mrs. Burcin has never exploited her husband's title for her own benefit. Mr. Hakan, whom I got to know later on, would never allow that either. Mr. Hakan has always prioritized goodwill over his status and title, and had stood out due to his personality and modest character.

Mr. Hakan would frequently send me his regards through Mrs. Burçin, both regularly and when my health problems intensified. He would ask: "Does Ms. Ulku and her children need anything? Is there anything we can do for them? Let us know if they need anything." This showed me that he was by my side through the difficult times. I would like to underline that even though I did not need any help financially, this act meant a lot to us, because me or anyone else that battles/is battling with this disease, along with their families, always need some sort of emotional support. I would like to add and point out with my utmost sincerity that the Attila Family called me the most throughout the whole period that I was battling with this disease in 2017.

In February 2017, Mr. Hakan requested an ornamental pocket blade from me. The town where I was appointed to-Yatagan in the province of Denizli- is very famous for its hand-made and customized blade designs. Even though I insisted that he accept the blade as a gift, he would not do so due to his personal principles and sent me the money for it. He put an end to my insistences by asserting, "I do not even accept gifts from the bank either Ms. Ulku. My intention is not to offend you but my principles do not allow me to do so. I cannot accept something as a gift especially when it is something I have specifically asked for." (The conversation we had about the blade I sent to Mr. Hakan is recorded and saved on WhatsApp. I don't mind at all sharing it with you, should you request it.)

Our only wish is that our Deputy General Manager Hakan ATILLA, who cares about children and family-ties and has always supported his personnel that were in need not for an ulterior motive but due to his kind nature, to be reunited with his dear son and his wife Mrs. Burcin, who is known for her humble and modest personality and upholds moral values just like her husband does. Your consideration of the happiness of the Atilla family, whom I am so glad to have gotten to know while working together with, will thrill not just me but everyone else whom they have established valuable relationships with.

#### Your Honor,

I have tried to share all of my sincere and genuine feelings with you. I hope that you take into consideration all that I have shared above, which is only a tiny fraction of so much more of what I could have shared. (2/10/2018, Denizli/Turkey)

Address: REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED / DENİZLİ Phone: REDACTED Yours sincerely, [signature] Ülkü Hatice PARLAK Sayın Hakim Berman,

1963 yılında Şabanözü/ÇANKIRI'da doğdum. 1983 yılında Halk Bankasında göreve başladım. Bankamız her kademesinde görev yaptım. Son olarak Denizli Bölge Koordinatörlüğünde Bireysel Pazarlama Bölüm Müdürlüğü görevimi yaparken sağlık problemlerim nedeni ile (Kanser) Genel Müdürlük emrine alındım. Eşimi 2000 yılında kanser hastalığı nedeni ile kaybettim. Birisi erkek diğeri kız 2 çocuğum var.

Genel Müdür Yardımcımız Sayın Mehmet Hakan ATILLA Bey ile, Eşi Burçin ATILLA Hanımefendi ile ayrın birimde çalışmamız vesilesi ile tanışma imkanı buldum. Burçin Hanımla tanıştıktan uzun bir süre sonra başkalarından öğrenerek Kendisine "Sen Hakan Beyin Eşi'misin?" diye sormuştum. Burçin Hamım hiçbir zaman eşinin unvanını kendisi için kullanmamıştır. Sonradan tanıdığını Hakan Bey'de buna müsaade etmemiştir. Hakan Bey insanlığı ile her zaman makam ve unvanının önünde olmuş. Kendi ağırlığı ve alçak gönüllülüğü ile onların her zaman önüne geçmiştir.

Hakan Bey sıklıkla Burçin Hanımla, her dönem olduğu gibi sağlık problemlerimin yoğunlaştığı zamanlarda da "Ülkü Hanımın ve çocuklarımın bir ihtiyacı var mı? Onlar için yapabileceğimiz var mı? İhtiyaçları olduğunda bilgimiz olsun." şeklinde haber göndermekte ve insanlığı ile böyle zor günlerimizde yanımda olduğunu göstermekteydi. Maddi olarak ihtiyacım olmamasına karşın bu hastalıkla mücadele eden ben ve diğer herkesin ailesi ile birlikte manevi olarak desteğe ihtiyaç duyduğu, bizler için çok önemli bir husus olduğunu Size arz etmek isterim. 2017 yılında rahatsızlık sürecimde beni en çok arayanların Atilla Ailesi olduğunu tüm samimiyetimle beyan etmek isterim.

2017 yılı Şubat ayında Hakan Bey benden dekoratif amaçlı bir pala çakısı istemiştir. Görevli olduğun Denizli II'ine bağlı Yatağan Kasabasında (Serinhisar İlçesi) el emeği ve özel yapım biçak tasarımları çok meşhurdur. İsrarla hediye olarak kabul etmesini istememe rağmen Kendi Şahsi prensipleri gereği kabul etmemiş, ücretini göndermiştir. Söz konasu ısrarımı "Bankamın hediyelerini dahi kabul etmiyorum Ülkü Hanım amacım Sizleri kırmak değil ancak prensiplerim buna müsaade etmemektedir. Ozellikle Kendimin talep ettiği bir şeyi hediye olarak kabul edemem" deyip sonlandırmıştır. (Hakan Beye gönderilmiş olan pala için yapılmış olan görüşmeler WhatsApp ta kayıtlı olarak bulunmaktadır. Talep edilmesi halinde Sizlerle rahatlıkla paylaşabilirim."

Yardıma ihtiyacı olan personelini hiçbir amaç gütmeksizin sadece insani değerlerle destekleyen, koruyan, aile birliğine ve çocuklara duyarlı Genel Müdür Yardımcımız Hakan ATILLA'nın bir tek oğlu ve Kendisi kadar insani değerlere önem veren, bir o kadarda mütevazi kimliği ile tanınan Eşi Burçin Hanıma kavuşması tek dileğimizdir. Birlikte çalıştığım süreçte Aile yapısı ve yaşantısı hakkında bilgi salıibi olduğum ve tanımaktan sonsuz mutluluk duyduğum Atılla ailesinin mutluluğu için hoşgörülü olmanız sadece ailesini değil, ben ve benim gibi onların insani değerlerle temaş kınıduğu birçok kişiyi çok mutlu edecektir.

Savin Hakim.

Sizlere tüm samımı ve içten duygularımı paylaşmaya çalıştım. Umarım yakarıda sadece küçücük bir kısmını paylaşma imkanı bulduğum, ancak buna benzer birçok şeyin olduğunu bildiğimiz paylaşımlarımı Hakan Bey için vereceğiniz kararda dikkate ahrısınız. (10.02.2018, Denizli/Türkiye)

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Saygilarimla,

Ülkü Hatice PARLAK

Your Honor,

I am a 47 year old banker who has been working in the finance industry for the past 22 years. I am still serving as a Branch Manager at Kırıkkale Branch of HalkBank.

I had met Hakan in 1989 when we were both students at Ankara Gazi University, I know him for nearly 29 years now. Hakan is well-liked by those around him. He is an honest, hardworking, successful, helpful and respectable person. I have never witnessed him disrespect me or any of his colleagues or mistreat his family or friends in any way. He started his career as a Deputy Specialist in HalkBank in 1995 and he moved up in his career to the position of Deputy General Manager thanks to his hard work and his accomplishments. He is a successful banker. He is a family man devoted to his wife, his son and his family.

Your Honor, I would like to share with you one of Hakan's kind acts towards me. At the end of 2012, I had to leave the bank where I was working as a branch manager and I was unemployed for nearly 1 year. I was having a difficult time covering my daughter's high school tuition and my family's living expenses. When Hakan learned about this situation, he helped me by giving a letter of reference to me to apply for a job at HalkBank and I started working at Halkbank in December 2013. He not only helped me go back to my profession but he has helped me get on my feet so that I could prepare my daughter for the future, fulfill her needs so that she could resume her education. Therefore, I had witnessed firsthand how Hakan helped someone who was in a difficult situation and what a kind-hearted and helpful person he is.

Your Honor, I trust your justice. I kindly ask you to ensure that Hakan returns to his wife, and son, and to us and our country and I believe in your conscience, and tolerance and I am hoping that you could show compassion.

Yours sincerely [signature]
Musa ŞAHAN

02/07/2018

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KIRIKKALE / TURKEY

Sayın hakim,

Ben 47 yaşında, yaklaşık 22 yıldır finans sektöründe çalışan bir bankacıyım. Halen T.Halk Bankası A.Ş. Kırıkkale Şubesinde Şube Müdürü olarak görev yapmaktayım.

Hakan ile Ankara Gazi üniversitesinde öğrenci olduğumuz 1989 yılından buyana yaklaşık 29 yıldır tanımaktayım. Hakan çevresinde dürüst, çalışkan, başanlı, yardım sever, saygın bir kişi olarak sevilen birisidir. 29 yıldır gerek şahsıma, iş arkadaşlarına gerekse çevresine karşı olumsuz, yanlış bir davranışına şahit olmadım. 1995 yılında T. Halk Bankası A.Ş. de üzman Yardımcısı olarak başladığı meslek hayatına çalışkanlığı ve başarıları ile Genel Müdür Yardımcısı unvanına kadar yükselmiş, başarılı bir bankacı, Eşine, Oğluna ve Ailesine düşkünlüğü ile tam bir aile babasıdır.

Sayın hakim, sizinle Hakan'ın yardım sever birisi olarak bana yapmış olduğu bir iyiliği paylaşmak isterim; 2012 yılının sonlarında şube yöneticisi olarak görev yaptığım bir bankadan ayrılmak zorunda kaldım, yaklaşık 1 yıl iş bulamadım ve işsiz kaldım. Hem lise eğitimine devam eden kızımın eğitim giderlerini hem de kendi ihtiyaçlarımı maddi olarak karşılamakta çok zorlanıyordum. Bu durumu öğrenen Hakan yardım etmek için bana referans olarak Halk Bankasında 2013 yılı Aralık ayında işe başlamama vesile olmuş, mesleğime dönmemi iş bulmamı sağlayarak kızımı geleceğe hazırlamak, eğitimini sürdürmesi ve gereksinimlerini karşılamak için çok büyük bir iyilik yapmıştır. Bu nedenle Hakan'ın temiz kalpli, iyilik sever, zorda olan birisine yardım ettiğine yakından tanık oldum.

Saygı değer hakim; Sizin adaletinize güyeniyorum. Hakan'ın Eşine, Oğluna, bize ve ülkemize geri dönmesini sağlamanızı bekliyor, vicdanınıza, hoşgörünüze inanıyor, tolerans gösterebilmenizi bekliyorum.

Saygilarionia, Mara SAHAN

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02/09/2018

Your Honor.

My name is Huri Dilara Sayın. I have been working at the Financial Institution Department of HalkBank for the past 6 years.

Mr. Hakan is a kind and modest person. He is open to communication and he is a good listener. He cares about the feelings and opinions of the people he is working with. When we have a problem, he listens to us and puts effort to solve our problem. He listens to our innovative ideas about work and he encourages us. He gives us responsibility and he provides guidance so that we can improve ourselves. He is tolerant towards our mistakes. He shares his views on any issue when we request his input. He comes up with various events to increase our motivation. He appreciates us when we achieve something. He organizes celebration events on our birthdays. He does not personalize accomplishments and he considers them as a collective effort of all of the people he works with. He treats everyone fairly. He has become a role model for all of us with his discipline, his honesty, and diligence at work and his relationship with his family. He is an executive who is loved by everyone. He is admired by everyone due to his caring attitude and his friendly approach. I feel lucky that I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Hakan. The accusations against Mr. Hakan have shocked us, as well as anyone else who knows him. This situation upsets us deeply. While giving your verdict, please keep Mr. Hakan's wonderful personality in mind. I wish that Mr. Hakan returns to his wife, his son and his loved ones as soon as possible.

> Yours sincerely, Huri Dilara Sayın {SIGNED}

Address: REDACTED REDACTED Istanbul Seijin Hukim,

09/02/2018

Ben Hari Dilara Sagin. Türkiye Halk Bankası H.S., finansal Kuromlar Bökimü'nde Yaklasık 6 girlir yalışmaklayım

Hakan Bey nazik ve alaak gönüllödő: Netisime acik ve iyi bir dintegicidir. Birlikte aalistiği incontanın deygu ve advotnocelerini önemser. Bir problemimiz olduğunda bizi dinler ve advotm bulmat iqin çaba saif eder. İsle ilgili yeni fikinlerimizi dinler ve bizi cecaretlendirii. Gorvinluluk venir ve koncimizi gelistirmemiz iqin bizi yönlendirir. Katalenimiza kacşı tolevan göslerir Destok islediğimiz her konuda. İkinni paylasır. Motivasyonomuzu arttımat iqin qezitli etkinlikler dözenler. Bir izi bu saidiğimizda bizi tahdir eder. Doğum gönlerimizde organizasyonlar dözenler. Bir izi bu saidiğimizda bizi tahdir eder. Doğum gönlerimizde organizasyonlar dözenler. Bosonyı hiribir zaman kisisəllestirmez, birliktə qalıstığı insanların busanısı olarak görür. Herkese udil dayınını. İş disiplini dürüstlüğü, qalıskanlığı ve ailəsiyle iliskisi ile hapimizin örnek alağı ve sevdiği bir gönetirimizdir. Sempatik tavınarı ve göleryüzü ile herkesin seygisini hazanır. Hahan Bey ile bilebir aalısma imkanım olduğu isin kendimi sansılı hissediyorum.

Hokan Bey'e kaısı yönettilen sudlamatar bizi ve Kakon Bey'i tanıyan herkesi Gok sasırtmış ve derinden üzmüştür. Karorınısı verirken Hokan Bey'in histoğini yöz Enünde bolundurmanızı temenni ediyorum. Hokan Bey'in bir on önce esine. oğluno ve sevdiklerine kavaşmasını diliyorum.

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

#### Dear Judge Berman,

I am writing this letter in order to introduce myself and my previous cooperation with Mr. Atilla. I am Derya Hamza Seferi, at age 40, wife and mother from Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. I have graduated on the Faculty of Law in Skopje and currently I am on a position Head of Division of Risk Collection, Compliance and Information Security in Halk Banka AD Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. I have more than 16 years of experience in various areas in the Banking sector of Republic of Macedonia, such as being responsible for the Legal Affairs Department, Human Resources Department and Compliance and Anti-Money Laundering Department.

I have met Mr. Atilla for the first time in March 2012 during the acquisition process of two Banks in Republic of Macedonia, in which I was involved as a Head of Legal Department. At the time Mr. Atilla was member of the Supervisory Board of the Bank which acquired the Bank where I was working. Our cooperation started in this professional manner which continued during the following years until April 2015 when his mandate as President of Supervisor Board of Halk Banka AD Skopje ended.

During this period my cooperation with Mr. Hakan Atilla was on monthly basis according the requirements of the banking regulations in Republic of Macedonia. In this period as Head of Legal Department I was responsible for organizing supervisory board meetings and preparing the materials for the members of this Board of which Mr. Hakan Atilla was president. I have to mention that members and the president of the Supervisory Board of the banks in Macedonia according to Macedonian legislation should be licensed by the Governor of National Bank of Republic of Macedonia. Before his appointment Mr. Hakan Atilla was evaluated by the regulatory body for his enormous banking experience, his high reputation and his excellent corporate values. His appointment as a President of the Supervisory Board derived from the excellent evaluation results.

During this period of our cooperation I had the chance to get know Mr. Atilla as a person. Mr. Atilla was too dedicated to his duty in our Bank. As a President of the Supervisory Board in a period when the Bank was newly introduced to the Macedonian market and when significant reforms were undertaken in the Bank, he with his knowledge and high ethical principles contributed to the establishment of certain values in the banking activities. He was the person who implemented the most important documents of the Bank, such as the Code of Ethics, Code of Corporate Governance, Policy on Compliance and Anti Money Laundering, Policy on Conflict of Interests, as it was required by the national and international regulation.

I cannot accept the fact that Mr. Atilla today is facing these charges because I was witness to an opposite way of thinking, understanding and attitude towards his obligations and responsibilities as a Banker.

I am sure that Mr. Atilla would never do such criminal activities because from my experience so far, he was always leaving an impression of honest, stable and a person with high integrity. On every



meeting he personally advocated for the Bank to work in compliance with the domestic and international regulations. I would especially like to emphasize that he as President during the adoption of decisions was always objective and I never got the impression that he is taking certain side in the process of decision making. I was also witness on the meetings which we had with the supervisory authority of Republic of Macedonia. Every time he addressed the supervisory authority his basic principle was ensuring that the work of the bank must be in compliance with the legislation. In this direction I would like to say that the opinion of the Supervisory authority of Republic of Macedonia regarding Mr. Hakan Atilla as a person and his contribution to the work of the Banking sector in Macedonia has always been quite positive.

As a President of the Supervisory Board he was often invited to various cultural events. He visited some of them where I understood that he has a respect for different cultures. Although I didn't know much about his private life, during our unformal conversations on the meeting breaks I got the impression that he is a person who is interested in arts, especially paintings and cares about the different social, cultural and universal values. This was confirmed also with his presence on one of the Bank's Corporate Parties together with his wife, where he came from Istanbul to Skopje specially for this occasion in order to address the employees and emphasize their importance which was much appreciated by all 400 employees. Thus he showed that he is a real family person and a person who cares and values his employees.

With the end of his mandate I didn't had the chance to meet Mr. Atilla again. But after a certain period, one day I was very surprised to receive a phone call from Mr. Hakan Atilla when he called to express his condolences for my loss (my mother). Even though our corporation has always been on professional level, I as subordinate employee and having in mind the mentality and culture differences in which I was raised, I didn't expect someone who is on a superior working position to express his sorrow. I am really grateful for this and once again I was convinced that I have worked with a good person first of all.

Mr. Hakan Atilla remains in my memories as a respectable and very professional person with high dignity. I will always consider him as a model behavior person.

Honorable Judge Berman, as a lawyer in South-East European country where the Continental Legal System is being practiced, during my Law studies and even today I am convinced that the Anglo-Saxon (Anglo-American) Legal System is real and fair system which contributes in justice to be served. I hope that also in this case the justice will be served as well.

Respectfully,

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02/12/2018 Istanbul

Your Honor,

Please allow me to introduce myself before I start.

My name is Bülent Sezgin, I am come from the family of civil servants. My father worked as a Veterinarian Technician. I grew up in Southern Turkey, Reyhanlı and Antakya. I went to public schools for my primary and secondary school education. I completed my studies in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the Middle Eastern Technical University. I have been working for the past 20 years in the field of investment banking, the last five years of which, I worked at Halk Investments which is part of the Halkbank investment banking firm. For more than 7 years, I worked as the Deputy General Manager responsible for Corporate Financing. I am married and I have 6-year-old twins, one boy and one girl.

Since 2011, I have worked with Mehmet Hakan Atilla (Mr. Hakan) who is the Deputy General Manager responsible for International Banking and Investment Relations at Halkbank as part of numerous mergers and acquisition projects related to capital markets carried out by Halkbank. During this period, I had the opportunity to get to know him better particularly when working on long term projects together for an extended period of time on Halkbank's secondary public offering (SPO) project in 2012 and Turkuaz Project in 2015. Mr. Hakan started his career as a Deputy Specialist at Halkbank and moved up due to his immense knowledge of banking that goes beyond his own field, due to his unaltered rational and honest nature, his positive impact on international investors, his ability for dialogue and negotiations and his tolerant approach towards his colleagues. All of his accomplishments made me follow him more closely and accept his ideas as an important reference point while making my decisions about work.

Mr. Hakan originally comes from the city of Gaziantep in South Eastern Anatolia. He is 5 years older than me. Not only do we come from a similar family background and share a common culture but we also have mutual acquaintances all of whom have approved our friendship with Mr. Hakan. We have developed a great friendship apart from our work relationship and this has led me to see him as a brother rather than just a work colleague.

Our Company's previous General Manager Mr. Murat Çetinkaya (Mr. Murat) and Mr. Hakan happen to be the same age and are also both very close friends. Due to this friendship as well, we have happened to come together on numerous occasions with him and his family over the past 7 years.

Mr. Hakan is a respectful and kind person; he is also a humanist who has a well developed sense of empathy for others. Given these qualities, he leaves a positive impact on the people from every segment of the society.

In my opinion, helping others when they are in need is one of his signature qualities of character. I would kindly like to share a memory that would reflect on his benevolent side if you would allow me. Last year, Mr. Murat lost his father and Mr. Hakan was the first person from his close circle of friends to console him and to share his pain. And on the day of the funeral, he stayed and comforted Mr. Murat from the early hours of the morning till the days end.

Mr. Hakan was there for Mr. Murat and other members of his family. He gave them strength to stay strong with his calm, consoling and guiding nature. Mr. Hakan was there for the bathing procedure where you prepare the deceased for burial, the funeral ceremony and the burial ceremony too. He went out of his way to make sure that the funeral was completed according to the traditions.

As a father who knows Mr. Hakan's family well, I believe that Mr. Hakan deserves all the understanding and tolerance regarding his evaluation. I sincerely hope and kindly ask you to adopt a tolerant and considerate approach in your decisions and evaluations of him so that Mr. Hakan will be able to return to Turkey, his wife and to his son.

Kind regards and Yours sincerely,

[signature]

Bülent Sezgin

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Istanbul, Turkey

12/02/2018, Istanbul

Sayın Hakim,

Lütfen başlarken kendimi tanıtmama izin verin.

Benim adım Bülent Sezgin, memur bir ailenin çocuğuyum. Babam, bir Veteriner Sağlık Teknisyeniydi. Türkiye'nin güneyinde Reyhanlı ve Antakya'da büyüdüm. İlk ve orta öğrenimim için devlet okullarına devam ettim. Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi'nde Siyaset Bilimi ve Kamu Yönetimi eğitimi aldım. 20 yılı aşkın bir süredir yatırım bankacılığı alanında çalışıyorum. Son 5 senesi, Kurumsal Finansman'dan sorumlu Genel Müdür Yardımcısı olarak, 7 yıldan uzun bir süredir Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş.'nin (Halkbank) yatırım bankacılığı şirketi Halk Yatırım Menkul Değerler A.Ş.'de (Halk Yatırım) görev yapıyorum. Evliyim ve bugun 6 yaşında olan biri kız, diğeri erkek, ikiz çocuk babasıyım.

Halkbank'ın Uluslararası Bankacılık ve Yatırımcı İlişkilerinden sorumlu Genel Müdür Yardımcısı olan Mehmet Hakan Atilla (Hakan Bey) ile 2011 yılından itibaren Halkbank'ın çok sayıda sermaye piyasaları ile ilgili ya da birleşme satınalma projesinde birlikte çalıştık. Bu dönemde özellikle uzun soluklu projeler olan 2012 yılındaki Halkbank'ın ikincil halka arzı (SPO) projesi ve 2015'te gerçekleşen Turkuaz projesinde uzun süre beraber çalışırken onu daha yakından tanımak fırsatını buldum. Bu dönemde, iş hayatına Halkbank'ta Uzman Yardımcısı olarak başlamış biri olan Hakan Bey'in kariyerinde geldiği yer, kendi alanı dışında Bankanın tüm detaylarına hakimiyeti, devamlılık arz eden makul , dürüst tarzı ile uluslararası yatırımcılar üzerinde bıraktığı olumlu etki, yüksek seviyede diyalog geliştirme ve müzakere becerisi, birlikte çalıştığı kişilere karşı hoşgörülü yaklaşımı benim onu daha yakından takip etmeme ve iş ile ilgili kararlarımı alırken kendisinin fikirlerini önemli bir referans noktası olarak kabul etmeme neden oldu.

Hakan Bey, aslen Güney Doğu Anadolu'lu ve Gaziantep'lidir. Benzer bir aile yapısı ve ortak bir kültürden geliyor olmanın yanı sıra ortak tanıdıklarımızın olması, iş ilişkimiz dışında benden 5 yaş büyük olan Hakan Bey'le bir hukukumuzun, dostane bir ilişkimizin oluşmasını desteklemiş ve benim onu bir çalışma arkadaşından öte aldığım bir ağabey olarak görmeme neden olmuştur.

Şirketimizin önceki Genel Müdürü Sayın Murat Çetinkaya Bey (Murat Bey) ile Hakan Bey hem yaşıt, hem de yakın iki dosttur. Bu dostluk nedeniyle farklı nedenlerle geçtiğimiz 7 yıllık dönemde kendisiyle ve ailesiyle biraraya geldik.

Hakan Bey, humanist tarafı güçlü, karşısındakine saygılı, empati yapabilen ve nezaketli biridir. Bu özellikleri nedeniyle toplumun her kesiminden kişiler üzerinde olumlu etkiler bırakır.

Benim düşünceme göre, zor zamanlarında çevresindekilere yardımcı olmak onun karakteristik özelliklerinden birisidir. Müsadenizle bu konu ile ilgili bir anımı sizinle paylaşmak isterim; Geçtiğimiz yıl Murat Bey, babasını kaybettiğinde, Murat Bey'e taziyesini sunmak ve acısını paylaşmak için yakın çevresinden ilk ulaşan ve cenaze

günü sabahın ilk saatlerinden itibaren günün sonuna kadar Murat Bey'in yanında destek olan kişi Hakan Bey idi. Hakan Bey, cenazenin teslim edildiği gasilhane önünde, cenaze töreni ve defin esnasında ve sonrasında sakin, teskin edici ve yönlendirici tarzı ile Murat Bey'e ve diğer aile bireylerine güçlü kalmaları için destek olmaya çalışmış ve cenaze töreninin geleneklere göre tamamlanması için özellikle çaba sarf etmişti.

Onu iyi tanıdığını düşünen birisi olarak, Hakan Bey'in kendisi ile yapılacak her türlü değerlendirmede hoşgörüyü hakettiğine inaniyorum. Bu nedenle, ailesini tanıyan bir baba olarak, Hakan Bey'in Türkiye'ye, eşine ve oğluna dönebilmesi için onunla ilgili yapacağınız değerlendirmelerde ve alacağınız kararlarda hoşgörülü ve müsamahalı bir yaklaşım içerisinde olmanızı en kalbi duygularımla rica ediyorum.

Saygılarım ve en iyi dileklerimle,

Burteni

Bülent Sezgin

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REDACTED Istanbul, Türkiye

February 8, 2018

Your Honor,

My name is Aysegul KOCAMAN SUNGUR. I started working at HalkBank in 2007. That is when and how I met Mehmet Hakan ATILLA. When I first started working in the Department of the Financial Institutions and Investor Relations, he was the department head and I have learned many things from him regarding the business life. Hakan Atilla is one of the most distinguished people in my life and I feel so lucky to know him. Therefore, what he went through on March 28th, 2017 and thereafter extremely saddens me as well as all my colleagues who work in the unit. My only wish is for him to go back to his country as soon as possible and reunite with his family and his loved ones.

Apart from being a respectable manager in the professional life, he is also widely loved because of his humanistic personality. He takes interest in the problems of his employees; hears you out when you share your problems and supports you as much as he can. My grandmother passed away in 2008 after a very difficult struggle with lung cancer. Mr. Atilla supported me morally in this period and when he saw how badly I was suffering after my grandmother's death, he shared with me his private memories with his grandmother and he told me how a special person she was. It gave me relief that he showed empathy towards me and shared my sorrow.

Our prayers are with him during this difficult time he is going through. My 7-year-old son, who sees how we are worried about Mr, Hakan, has written the following sentence in his notebook and this was one of his first sentences when he learned how to read and write: "Dear God, I wish Uncle Mehmet Hakan comes back to Turkey at the earliest time and that he rejoins with his family and his son". I wish with all my heart what this boy, who had recently learned how to read and write, wrote in his notebook as a prayer with all his pure feelings to come true. Wishing that he reunites with his wife, son, and his loved ones at the earliest time...

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Yours sincerely, {SIGNED}

Sayın Halim,

Ben Ayregül Kocaman SUNGUR 2007 yılında Halkbankasında calırmaya başladım Mehmet Ibkan AsiLLA ile de bu sayeda tenistim Finansal Kurumlar ve Yatırımcı İliskileri departmanında ilk calırmaya başladığında kendisi Daire Baskanı olarak görev yapıyardık ve Hakan Bayden iş hayatına iliskin çisk şey öğrendim. Hakan Atilla iyi ki tanımısım dediğim kiymetli insa bidin birisidir Bu nedenle 28 mort 2017 ve sonrasında yaşadıkları tüm birimde çalıran sukadaslarım gibi beni de fazlasıyla üzdü Tek temennim bir an önre vatanına dönsün ai lesine ve sexliklerine kavaşsun.

ls hoyetinda oldukca saygy defer bir yözediri olmusından öte insani yankriyle de sevilen bir kisidir kendisi Caktenlarının sikintihnyb ilgilerir, bir derdinizi paylastiguizda samua kader dinkrue elinder geldiğince destek olmaya calısır. 2008 yılında caneconenci alciger bases medaly ask zerla bryosom misodeles somwinds laybettil Bu streete more violant bara olduken destrik dan Huban Bey anneamenta vejat sentasinda ciek aci ciektiĝini gordince kendi anneamen ile olar özel onilarını benimle poglafarak ne kader özel bir insan olduğun anlatmıstı. Benimb enpoti kurup ocunu paylasmovi ben Mutlu etmişti. Georgiamette olduğu bu sitentili sürecte dualarınız her zervan C'hurla Evde bile kendisi ikin ne bodor üzüldüşünüzü gören 7 yaşındaki oğlum okuma-yaznagi öspendisinde disterine kendi kendine yazdışı ilk coincludes biss sayle almostu. "Allahim Mehmed Huken am ca en kisa zamanda Türkiye'ye dönsünjaiksine, osluna kauaysemi Okum yazmayı yeli öşrenmis bir ciscusun deşterine tüm saf daygulargle yazdığı bu dueyi batan kelbimle diliyonum Uzun zavandır ayrı kaldığı esine, cilluma, sevdiklerine bir an ence kavuşması المادي المادي REDACTED Saygilarinob, Auur REDACTED IS TANGUL

Istanbul, February 9, 2018

Your Honor,

I was born in Istanbul in 1972 and I completed my studies in Istanbul too. I worked in various positions at different companies of the Turkish capital markets between the years 1992 and 2002. In 2002, I joined the 'HalkBank Family'. I undertook various assignments in the Treasury Management Department of our Bank. I have also worked as a Department Director of the Treasury Management Department between 2012 and 2017. Since November 2017, I have been working as a General Manager at Halk Yatırım Menkul Değerler A.Ş. [Halk Investments and

Securities Inc.] which is an affiliate of our bank.

I had the chance to know Mr. Mehmet Hakan Atilla both at work and in his personal life. I can easily say that Mehmet Hakan Atilla is an honest man who has a strong character and who upholds his moral values and beliefs in line with the moral teachings his family provided for him. He is hard working, prioritizes humanitarian values, he does not treat anyone unfairly. He had established his stance in society with the respect that he gets and his beliefs rather than his position, money or other materialistic values. It is well known that he is devoted to his family. He leads a modest life which is contrary to his status at work and he indicates that he is content with his life at every opportunity. He is a cherished person who prioritizes friendship.

Your Honor, I wish with all my heart that you would be lenient and compassionate with Mehmet Hakan Atilla and treat him fairly. My biggest wish is to have Mehmet Hakan Atilla return to his wife, his family and his child as soon as possible.

{SIGNED}

Yours sincerely,

Serdar Sürer

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Istanbul/Turkey

İstanbul 9 Şubat 2018

Sayın Hakim,

1972 İstanbul doğumluyum, eğitimlerimi de yine aynı şehirde İstanbulda tamamladım. 1992-2002 yılları arasında Türkiye sermaye piyasalarının çeşitli şirketlerinde bir çok pozisyonda çalıştım. 2002 yılında Türkiye Halk Bankası ailesine katıldım. Bankamız içersinde Hazine Yönetiminde bir çok görevler üstlendim. 2012-2017 yılları arasında yine Hazine Yönetiminde Daire Başkanı pozisyonunda görev yaptım. 2017 Kasım ayından bu yana yine bankamızın bağlı ortaklığı olan Halk Yatırım Menkul Değerler A.Ş.'de Genel Müdür olarak göre yapıyorum.

Çalıştığım dönemler içersinde Sayın Mehmet Hakan Atilla'nın hem iş yaşamına hem de özel yaşamına tanıklık etmiş biri olarak söyleyebilirim ki Mehmet Hakan Atilla, sağlam karakterli, dürüst, ahlaklı, aileden aldığı eğitim doğrultusunda inandığı değerlere sahip çıkan, çalışkan, insani değerlere azami özen gösteren kimsenin hakkını yemeyen, topluluk içindeki yerini mevki, para ve diğer maddi unsurlarla değil, uyandırdığı saygı ve inandığı değerlere bağlılığı ile yer edinmiş, ailesine düşkünlüğü herkes tarafından bilinen, bulunduğu mevkinin aksine oldukça mütevazi yaşayan, yaşantısından da oldukça mutlu olduğunu her fırsatta dile getiren, arkadaşlığa dostluğa önem veren değerli bir insandır.

Sayın Hakim, Mehmet Hakan Atilla için adil olmanızı, kendisine hoş görü ve müsamaha göstermenizi tüm kalbimle diliyorum. Mehmet Hakan Atilla'nın ailesine, eşine, çocuğuna tekrar kavuşması en büyük dileğimdir.

Saygılarımla,

Serdar Sürer

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States Obstrict Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Read Str.
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Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Özlem Taşdemir. I have been friends with Hakan Atilla for twenty years. I started working at Halkbank in 1997. This was also the same year I met Hakan. After working at various departments and positions within the Bank for twenty years, I have retired as of August 2017.

Both Hakan and I started working at Halkbank around the same time. My friend Hakan who is an intelligent, hardworking and reliable individual was appointed as Deputy General Manager thanks to his own efforts and diligence. I followed his accomplishments and his promotions with pride. When I changed cities and came to Istanbul from Ankara in April 2002, Hakan was my biggest moral support. Despite our different positions, Hakan never made me feel lonely at work in Istanbul. We were working in different departments but being such a good friend, he always called me to make me feel that he was there for me both at and outside of work. He had even offered me to work with them in the newly established department just in case I were unhappy in my own department. I was in a big and unfamiliar city, assigned to a new position; those phone calls from Hakan meant a lot to me and have been a real source of motivation for me.

Later 1n 2009, I started working with his wife Burçin whom I already knew. We worked together until I retired in August 2017. Being and spending time with Burçin and Hakan both, at work and in my personal life, and knowing that we are friends, is very valuable to me.

Hakan is one of those rare individuals who has all the beautiful characteristics of being a good man and a good friend, husband, and father and at the same time a very good executive. Hakan has an important place both in my life and in the lives of many people I know.

Honorable Judge Berman, as his friends, our only wish is for you to release our friend who is full of love for the humankind and to have him return to his wife, son, loved ones and to us as soon as possible.

Your sincerely,

Özlem TAŞDEMİR {SIGNED}

Özlem Taşdemir

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Istanbul - TURKEY

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Read St.,
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#### Sayın Hakim Borman;

Merhaba, Ben Özlem Taşdemir. Halkan Atilla'nın yirmi yıllık arkadasıyım. Halk Bankası'ndaki çalısma hayatıma 1997 yılında basladım. Bu tam aynı zamanda Haka'la tanısma tarihimizdir. Yirmi yılı Bankanın çesitli bölüm ve pozisyonlanda çalıştıktan sonra 2017 yılı ağustos ayından itibaren Halk Banka-sındaki görevimden emeldi oldum.

Itaken'la Halk Bankasındaki çalışma baslongıcımız aynı yıllara dayanır. Akıllı, çalışkan, güvenilir arkadasım bileğinin hakkıyla bankada Genel müdür Yardımalığı pozisyonuna kadan yülcel-miştir. İşteki başarlarını, aldığı terfileri gurunla İzledim.
2002 yılı nisan ayında şehir değiştirip Ankara'dan İstanbul'a gelaliğimde iş yerindeki en büyük desteğim ve monal kaynağım Hakan olmuştur. Aramızdaki pozisyon farkına rağman ttakan İstanbul'dalci iş hayatımda beni yalnız bırakmadı. Farklı bölümlereke çalısıyorduk ama o iyi bir dost olarak beni arayarak gerek işte gerekse iş dısında hep yanımala oldu. Junu hissettirdi. Yeni atandığım bölümden memruniyet—sizliğim olduğu takdirde, kendi kurdubları bölümde bir. Iikte çalışmayı dahi teklif etmişti. Yeni ve büyük bir sehirde, yani bir işte Hakan'ın bu küçük ama çok değerli bir kaç telefonu benim için öremli bir monal

motivosyon kaynağı almustur.

Daha sonra zaten tanıdığım eşi Burçin'le 2009 yılında çalışmaya basladım. Emekli olduğum ağustos 2017 tarihine ladar birlikte calıştık Hem Burçin'le hem de Hakan'la is hayatımda ve özel hayatımda birlikte olmak, onların dostluğunu hissetmek benim hayatımdaki önemli noktalordan biri olmuştur.

Hem iyi bir insan, dost, oş, baba, hem de cok iyi bir yöne. Hici olanak füm güzel özellikleri bir arada bulunduren onden insanlardan biridir. Gerek benim hayatımda gerek tanıdığını bir çok insanın hayatında, önemli bir yeri vardır Haken'in,

Sayın Yargıç Bermen, biz arkadeşlerinin destlerinin tek dileğimiz insen sevgisi ilk dolu olam orkadesimiza ceza vermemeniz. ve bir an önce esine, oğluna, sevdiklerine

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The Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
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The Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Ozer Torgal. I currently serve as the Department Head of SME Marketing (small and medium-sized enterprises) at Halkbank. I have worked at Halkbank for nearly 17 years. I also met Hakan Atilla for the first time 17 years ago. When we first met, we were both working as administrators. I was working in the Marketing department and Hakan was working in the Budget and Planning department. For a long time, we came together to work on the bank's budget and the annual Branch-Region-Bank targets. We would see each other both in and outside of work. Additionally, I worked with his wife Burcin Atilla in the same environment for a while as well.

The Atilla family are an extremely kind, and proper family that are adored by everyone. Both husband and wife are hardworking and productive people in their place of work. Their devotion to their only child Burkan is widely envied and admired in our circle. In short, I can describe the Atilla family as being an ideal family.

Thanks to his diligence and creative mind, Hakan received the promotions he deserved in a short period of time and rose to the positions of, first, Department Head, and later, Deputy General Manager. Having one of our friends reach this position has always been a source of pride for us. Despite all of this, he has never lost his modesty and has always continued his friendship with us as one of our own.

He has put great effort and contributed immensely to the promotion of our bank within the international finance community. By constantly making our bank his priority, he has been work-oriented and achieved much success. He has been instrumental in connecting our bank with international investment institutions like the World Bank, European Investment Bank and the French Development Agency. He also mediated the transfer of important resources that were needed for the investments made in our country.

Honobrable Judge Berman, Hakan Atilla, who has a stable family life and a work and career life full of success, has never compromised on honesty or what he believes in. He has always prioritized the interests of our bank and carried out his duty in accordance with the law. The position that Hakan is currently in deeply saddens me and all those who love him. The difficulty of the situation that his family, particularly his son and wife, are in and are facing cannot even be put into words. I assure you there is not even one person who knows Hakan that would think that Hakan would/could ever commit such a crime.

We know that Hakan has been found guilty by your Court on the charges against him, and we respect this decision. However, I have tried to describe to you, the Hakan I know. I have no doubt that what I have conveyed above is the mutual and common opinion of hundreds of others who know him.

Honorable Judge Berman, I would like to kindly request you to consider all of this and not give Hakan a prison sentence. In this regard, I have complete faith in that you that you shall be empathic and listen to your conscience.

Yours sincerely, 02/12/2018

Özer Torgal [signature]

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St. New York, NY 10007-1312

Sayın Hakim Berman,

Adım Özer Torgal. Halen T.Halkbank A.Ş.'nde KOBİ Pazarlama Daire Başkanlığı görevini yürütmekteyim. Yaklaşık 17 yıldır Halkbank'ta görev yapmaktayım. Hakan Atilla ile tanışmam da yine 17 yıl öncesine dayanır. İlk tanıştığımız yıllarda ikimiz de Yönetmen ünvanı ile görev yapmakta idik. Ben pazarlama biriminde çalışırken, Hakan Bütçe ve Planlama biriminde görev yapmakta idi. Gerek Banka bütçesi gerekse yıllık Şube-Bölge-Banka hedefleri konusunda uzun zamanlar birlikte çalıştık. Hem iş yaşamında hem de özel yaşamımızda görüşüyorduk. Diğer taraftan eşi Burçin Atilla ile aynı ortamda da bir süre çalıştık.

Atilla Ailesi son derece mazbut, sevecen ve herkes tarafından da sevilen bir ailedir. Karı koca her ikisi de iş yaşamında çalışkan ve üretken insanlardır. Tek çocukları olan Burkan'a düşkünlükleri çevremizde gıpta edilecek düzeydedir. Kısacası Atilla ailesi için örnek bir aile diyebilirim.

Hakan çalışkanlığı ve yaratıcı zekası sayesinde kısa zamanda hak ettiği terfileri alarak, önce Daire Başkanlığı akabinde Genel Müdür Yardımcılığı pozisyonlarına yükselmiştir. İçimizden bir arkadaşımızın bu göreve yükselmesi bize hep gurur vermiştir. Ne olursa olsun hiçbir zaman alçakgönüllülüğünü kaybetmemiş hep içimizden biri olarak arkadaşlıklarını sürdürmüştür.

Uluslararası finans çevresinde Bankamızın tanıtımına büyük emek ve katkı sağlamıştır. Bankamızı sürekli ön planda tutarak iş odaklı çalışmış ve büyük başarılara imza atmıştır. Dünya Bankası, Avrupa Yatırım Bankası, Fransız Kalkınma Ajansı gibi uluslararası yatırım kuruluşları ile Bankamızı tanıştırmış ve ülkemizde yapılacak yatırımlar için önemli kaynaklar aktarılmasına aracı olmuştur.

Sayın Hakim Berman, iş ve aile yaşantısı düzgün ve başarılarla dolu olan Hakan Atilla hiçbir zaman doğru bildiğinden ve dürüstlükten ödün vermemiştir. Hep Bankamız menfaatlerini ön planda tutmuş ve görevini yasalara bağlı olarak yürütmüştür. Şu anda Hakan'ın içinde bulunduğu durum beni ve tüm sevenlerini son derece üzmektedir. Başta eşi ve oğlu olmak üzere ailesinin yaşadıkları ve karşı karşıya kaldıkları durum anlatılamaz boyuttadır. Şundan emin olabilirsiniz ki, onu tanıyan tek bir kişi bile Hakan'ın böyle bir suç işleyeceğini düşünmezler.

Hakan'ın kendisine istinad edilen suçlardan suçlu bulunduğunu biliyoruz ve mahkemenizin bu kararına saygı duyuyoruz. Ancak size tanıdığım Hakan'ı yukarıda tarif ettim. Bu tarifin benimle birlikte Hakan'ı tanıyan yüzlerce kişinin ortak görüşü olduğuna hiç şüphem bulunmamaktadır.

Sayın Hakim Berman, sizden tüm bunları göz önüne almanızı ve Hakan'a hapis cezası vermemenizi istiyorum. Bu konuda hoşgörülü olacağınıza ve vicdanınızın sesini dinleyeceğinize inancım tamdır.

Saygılarımla. 12.02.2018

Özer Torgal

The Honorable Richard M. Berman

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

500 Pearl St.,

New York, NY 10007- 1312 15 February 2018 Istanbul,

Honorable Judge Berman,

My name is Seyit Ahmet Taymaz. I live in Turkey. I have worked for Turkey's HalkBank for nearly 18 years. My aim of writing this letter to you, is to share my thoughts and opinion about Mehmet Hakan Atilla, whose vital decision you shall conclude soon.

We have an old proverb in Turkish that says "The sun cannot be covered be by mud"—which carries the meaning of "the truth that everyone knows cannot be denied, nor can a lie be changed or altered or covered up."- in other words, the literal translation in English is "The truth cannot be hidden." Mr. Hakan and I work together in the same work place. I have personally known him for 5 years. Whether they like it or not, it is a well-known fact, that he has rightfully reached his professional position he is in today. There is no doubt whatsoever regarding his character, honesty and professional expertise.

To see honest people in any given society or country, have a vision and work hard to reach a good level/position, give the members of such societies beautiful things and hope for the future. Mr. Hakan was that source of hope for/to us. You know the feeling you get when you are about to give up on your dreams and are sick and tired of living in the country you are in because of all the reasons related to the bad economic situation, the long and tiring work conditions, the hassle and all the traffic and all sorts of unjust behavior and dealings that have happened or occurred to you — and at the same time are on the verge of losing all your hope for the future, there are things that exist that make you say that "good things occur or happen in our country".... Well Mr. Hakan was just that to us. To have the chance to work with such an executive has been a great source of joy and pride to me and many other people just like me. He has been a role model and inspiration to us with his stance and knowledge.

Hakan is a good person. He values the people he works with. He places importance on progress and development. Whatever the age or status of a person is, he takes their opinion into

consideration. He helps them boost their self-confidence... He takes note of dialogue. He is a careful and attentive person. He is generous when it comes to sharing knowledge. He is polite, sincere and genuine. He gives everyone their say and never brushes over anyone. Without neglecting the necessary professionalism at work, whether it is because he is a director or not, when it comes to communication with the bank employees, he always made them feel important as a person. He was always by their side in their time of need and difficult days. The most senior level person who had contacted me when I had lost my father and paid their condolences was Mr. Hakan.

The Mr. Hakan I know cannot/does not tolerate two things, under no circumstances whatsoever: first of which is he cannot stand injustice, and secondly is stupidity.

#### Your Honor,

The banking sector is an institution of reputation. Under these terms, the banker is expected to be honest and honorable. If one of these qualities happen to be lacking, however much expertise and knowledge one may have, it is pointless and of no benefit. Mr. Hakan is a respectable and honest banker. But more and most importantly he is a good person.

We are deeply saddened to see, such a priceless person who has been raised and brought up in our country and has the qualities I have briefly mentioned above, be far away from his country for months on end and living in a state of deprived freedom. If this situation has even managed to encompass and deeply affect us, and most of all Mr. Hakan, how wounded do you think his wifewho is also another valuable co-worker of ours- and his son and close friends feel? I would like to leave that up to your tribute and judgment.

#### Your Honor,

The Mr. Hakan that I know is not someone who could possibly commit a crime... He was an exemplary banker who always abided by and took into consideration the national (domestic) and international rules and regulations. I have tried to explain above the reason why I personally think this way. In addition to this, I am not a legal expert nor am I a Judge to this case... Regardless of what we may think or say or even believe, at the end of the day, the final decision to be made regarding Mr. Hakan and the person that shall shape the rest of his life is you

We are talking about a person who has 20 or 25 years left to live- roughly saying that you only live once and the average life span of a human is 70 years- who is a director, friend, husband, father, son, brother and neighbor to mention a few and who is loved and admired in all his social circles and is a person who is made out of flesh and bone just like me and you and has dreams and fears and hopes. I hope and wish that your decision shall be, not for this respectable and honest person to spend the rest of his life behind and in between four walls and for you to not to allow him to be any further apart from his loved ones. For him to be able to go back to his country with his head held up high and for him to continue to be a source of bright light that

enlightens and spreads hope to the lives and people of his country, not just with his knowledge but with his human characteristics as well.

In spite of everything, if you still have the slightest inkling or doubt that Mr. Hakan is guilty, I would kindly like to draw your attention to the fact that, whilst making your decision, please consider that he has been apart for way too long from his family and loved ones and deprived of his freedom. Also, that if Mr. Hakan -has committed a crime unintentionally- be sure that he shall never allow such a thing/mistake to ever happen again.

I would like to conclude my letter by reiterating my complete faith in the decision you are about to take/make with regards to Mr. Hakan and his wife and son, that it shall ensure that they shall be able to live the rest of their lives in freedom and peace.

Yours sincerely,

Seyit Ahmet Taymaz

{ Signature Signed }

Adress: REDACTED

REDACTED Istanbul, Turkey.

İstanbul, 15 Şubat 2018

The Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St., New York, NY 10007-1312

Sayın Hakim Berman,

İsmim Seyit Ahmet TAYMAZ. Türkiye'de yaşıyorum... Yaklaşık 18 yıldır Türkiye Halk Bankasında çalışıyorum. Size bu mektubu yazma amacım, yakın bir zamanda hakkında hayatl bir karar vereceğiniz Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA hakkındaki düşüncelerimi sizinle paylaşmaktır.

'Güneş balçıkla sıvanmaz' diye bir atasözümüz vardır. 'Herkesin bildiği gerçek yadsınamaz, yalan yanlış sözlerle değiştirilemez, örtbas edilemez' anlamına gelmektedir. Hakan Bey'le aynı işyerinde çalışıyoruz. Kendisini şahsen 5 yıldır tanımaktayım. Sevsin ya da sevmesin, kendisini tanıyan herkes bilir ki geldiği yere hakkıyla gelmiştir. Karakteri, dürüstlüğü ve iş bilgisi üzerinde hiçbir gölge yoktur.

Vizyon sahibi, dürüst ve çalışkan insanların iyi yerlere geldiklerini görmek her toplumda, her ülkede o toplumun üyelerine geleceğe dair güzel şeylerin olacağına dair umut vermektedir. Hakan Bey'de bizim için böyle bir umut kaynağıydı... Hani kötü ekonomik koşullardan, yorucu çalışma şartlarından, trafikten, çekişmelerden, uğradığınız haksızlıklardan vs bunalıp yaşadığınız ülkeyle ilgili hayalleriniz tükenmeye başladığında; geleceğe yönelik umudunuzu tam kaybetmek üzereyken 'Memlekette güzel şeyler de oluyor' dedirten şeyler olur ya... İşte Hakan Bey bizler için o'ydu... Böyle bir yöneticiyle çalışmak, bu şansa sahip olmuş ben ve benim gibi bir çok insanda hem büyük bir mutluluk hem de gurur yesilesi olmuştur. Bilgisiyle, duruşuyla hem bize örnek olmuş hem de ilham vermiştir.

Hakan Bey iyi bir insandır. Birlikte çalıştığı insanlara değer verir. Gelişimlerine önem verir. Yaşı ve yetki durumu ne olursa olsun görüşlerini alır... Özgüvenlerinin artmasına yardımcı olur... Diyaloğa önem verir. Dikkatlıdır. Bilgi paylaşımında cömerttir. Nazik ve anlayışlıdır... Samimidir... Kimseyi geçiştirmez... İş yaşamının gerektirdiği profesyonelliği ihmal etmeden, gerek doğrudan yöneticisi olduğu, gerekse doğrudan yöneticisi olmamasına rağmen iletişim içerisinde olduğu banka çalışanlarına, kendilerinin en başta bir insan olarak değerli olduğunu hissettirir. Zor günlerinde yanlarında olur... Babamı kaybettiğimde beni arayarak başsağlığı dileklerini ileten en üst düzey kişi Hakan Bey olmuştur.

Tanıdığım Hakan Bey'in tahammül edemediği iki şey vardır: İlk olarak haksızlığa tahammülü yoktur... İkinci olarak ta aptallığa...

Sayın Hakim,

Bankacılık bir itibar müessesesidir. Bu doğrultuda bankacılardan da dürüst ve namuslu olmaları beklenir. Bu olmadıktan sonra istediğiniz kadar bilginiz/tecrübeniz olsun işe yaramaz... Hakan Bey dürüst ve namuslu bir bankacıdır. Ve çok daha önemlisi iyi bir insandır.

Ülkemizin yetiştirdiği, yukarıda saydığım meziyetlere sahip, gerçekten paha biçilmez nitelikte bir insanın aylardır ülkesinden uzak; özgürlüklerinden mahrum bir şekilde yaşaması; bizler için derin bir üzüntü kaynağıdır... Bizleri bu kadar sarsan bu olayın, başta Hakan Bey olmak üzere, kendisi de bir diğer çalışma arkadaşımız olan Hakan Bey'in değerli eşini, oğlunu ve yakın dostlarını nasıl yaraladığının takdırını sizlere bırakıyorum.

Sayın Hakim,

Benim tanıdığım Hakan Bey suç işleyen birisi değildi... Gerek ulusal gerekse uluslararası düzenlemelere göre hareket eden örnek bir bankacıydı. Kanaatimin neden böyle olduğunu da size yukarıda anlatmaya çalıştım... Bununla birlikte, ben ne hukukçuyum ne de bu davanın hakimiyim... Bizler ne düşünürsek düşünelim, neye inanırsak inanalım sonuçta Hakan Bey'le ilgili nihai karan verecek ve onun bundan sonraki hayatını şekillendirecek kişi siz olacaksınız.

Yönetici, dost, arkadaş, eş, baba, oğul, kardeş, komşu vb olmak üzere sosyal yaşam içerisinde üstlendiği sayısız rolü olan; seven ve sevilen; hayaileri, korkuları, umutları olan sizin benim gibi etten kemikten yaratılmış; ve bir defa gelinecek bu dünyada —hadl kabaca ortalama insan ömrünü 70 yaş olarak alalım- 20-25 yılı kalmış bir insandan bahsediyoruz... Bu dürüst ve namuslu insanın kalan ömrünü dört duvar arasında geçirmesine; sevdiklerinden daha fazla ayrı kalmasına izin vermeyecek; başı dik, alnı açık bir şekilde ülkesine dönmesini sağlayacak; sadece bilgisiyle değil insani yönleriyle de ülkesindeki insanlara ışık saçmaya ve umut olmaya devam etmesini sağlayacak yönde bir karar vermenizi diliyorum.

Herşeye rağmen Hakan Bey'in suçlu olduğu yönünde bir kanaatiniz varsa; hakkında karar verirken içerde özgürlüğünden ve sevdiklerinden uzak kaldığı onca zaman göz önüne alındığında, Hakan Bey'in - bilmeden bir suç işlemişse bile- bir daha böyle bir şeyin olmasına asla izin vermeyeceği gerçeğini dikkate almanızı rica ediyorum.

Hakan Bey'in bundan sonraki hayatını eşi ve oğluyla birlikte huzurlu ve özgür bir şekilde geçirmesini sağlayacak bir karar vereceğiniz yönündeki inancımı tekrar vurgulayarak mektubuma son veriyorum.

Saygılarımla,

Seyit Alamet TAYMAZ

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Istanbul, 02/06/2018

Your Honor,

My name is Zafer ÜNAL, I live in Istanbul, Turkey. I am 48 years old, married with a daughter. I am currently working as a branch manager of a bank. I have known Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA for nearly 15 years and I have known both him and his wife and son very closely as both a colleague and a family friend.

Hakan ATILLA is an honest, honorable, decent and hardworking man. He has completed all of the assignments that he was given until today with success and he was rightfully promoted. He is very much liked both in the business circles and in his private life and he is an exemplary person, colleague and family man. Apart from these personality traits, he is a devout person who is at the same time both social and modern. He is benevolent and humane.

He had never left me or my family alone during our difficult times; even when he was busy with work, he always found time for us.

The world does not need fake people but honest and kind ones. Hakan is exactly one of those people that the world needs.

Honorable Judge, please help this wonderful person return to his family, and to us and the society. Be sure that you will have a peaceful conscience as someone who has made the right decision.

Please accept my kind regards and best wishes.

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#### Honorable Judge Berman,

I am currently working as the Kirklareli Branch Manager of Turkey's Halk Bank. I felt the need to share my own observations, knowledge and feelings regarding Mehmet Hakan Atilla, with you, whom I have known since the first day he started working at the bank.

My intention of writing this letter is neither to praise Mehmet Hakan any further, nor to direct or influence the court. Since the first day he started working as an Assistant Specialist in the bank, I know for a fact that his dreams and plans for the future, was of growing old, with his mum and dad and small family in a small humble summer house in Cesme, Izmir, has not yet changed to this very day.

His lifestyle and expectations are very humble. He is the type of person who is straightforward; he can easily point out another person's wrongdoing. He has no ulterior motives. He is a kind-hearted, genuine person. He has never mistreated nor hurt a soul, and as far as I know, he has no enemies. It is only because he is a humble human being and is hardworking and successful, that he has been able to reach the high position he has at work.

He has many close friends and people who care about him because he has always been the kind of person who shares his friend's pain and joy.

Honorable Judge Berman, time passes quickly. Our life is but very short for us to be able to plan it. To be totally honest, one must live life to the fullest and should not make mistakes, because it is only then, when you have made a mistake, you will realize that you have run out of time to set it straight.

It is because life is short one should work hard and try to avoid making any mistakes or do anything that one might regret later, to be generous, have good manners and always be fair and just and have a philosophy to follow in life. I have come to know Hakan Atilla under these very such circumstances and values.

I believe that Hakan should be distinguished and labeled as a person who has always been satisfied with what he has got and that he lives life within humble means. Who considers all the legitimate ways possible and recognizes the importance of the humane principles that are on the verge of disappearing and who knows the difference between those who degrade the human values and those who are greedy, avaricious and not content nor satisfied with their lot.

You, your honor, happen to be part of this role, be it with the natural passing of time or be it with your high professional maturity and expertise, happen to administer a very important task. As we say in our own terms 'the scales of Justice are in your hands'.

The greatest common factor and value between our nation and yours is the national character and absolute ethics and virtues that have been kneaded into and shaped by the supreme and high justice that we share.

For centuries long we have passed a high sense of justice that originates and is established from the notion of just and fair governing of our history. Our justice system has protected, raised and developed countries and civilizations. This is the biggest treasure that we can pass on to the future.

You, your honor, have the means and power, through empathy and supreme justice, to acknowledge, protect, look out for and perhaps relate to Mehmet Hakan Atilla, who is an individual who respects himself, his family, his country and all the values of humanity. We can only possibly contribute to the process of you being able to get to know him.

Honorable Judge Berman, I do not think that everyone can even conceive or begin to comprehend the state of sorrow that his family is in and the despair of living in between four walls that Mehmet Hakan Atilla is in. I believe that you are an exception to the rule in this regard. I have faith and completely believe that one of your greatest qualities, is that your empathy is a reflection of your maturity.

I pray for God to help Mehmet Hakan, and all his loved ones, and lastly you, in making the decision regarding Mehmet Hakan Atilla, who is a sparrow (in other words, a wounded or bird without wings) in the palm of your hands and who I believe to be not guilty. I pray for it to be a decision befitting the scales of justice in your expertise, knowledge, power of reason and judgment.

We live in a world full of disappearing loyalty and empathy and where slander and machination are on the rise. Unfortunately, certain issues which may not be related to you, now become/are becoming part of your problem. You become and/or are left all alone. No one takes your side nor stands by you. However, with his aforementioned qualities, Mehmet Hakan Atilla is not alone. We all are carrying the same feelings, our hearts beat as one with his in this trial, we all feel and are going through the same things all at once. Because he is not at all a bad person.

Under the heavy laws of capitalism, no man or living creature should be oppressed for the sake of capital,

My greatest wish and desire is to bravely and fairly fight, in the name of humanity, against all the injustice and prejudice and live and breathe freely in a world where we protect and put our values first, where injustice does not exist and where the number of people and good deeds increase. The justice and human values that are in danger of change and disappearance and the very same values that Mehmet Hakan has, should not be sacrificed nor compromised under the pressure of or for the sake of avarice, status and politics.

On this pretext, I would like to take the opportunity to politely extend my utmost regards and respect to you and your family.

[personal signature]
MURAT YARIMOGLU
HALKBANK OF TURKEY
KIRKLARELI BRANCH MANAGER

The Honorable Richard M.Berman

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

500 Pearl St.

New York, NY 10007-1312

Sayın Hakim Berman,

Türkiye Halk Bankası, Kırklareli Şube Müdürü olarak görev yapmaktayım. Mehmet Hakan Atilla'yı Bankaya başladığı tarihten itibaren tanıyan birisi olarak bilgi, tespit ve duygularımı sizinle paylaşma ihtiyacı hissettim.

Ne Mehmet Hakan'ı olduğundan fazla övmek ne de başkanlığınızdaki mahkemenizi yönlendirmek için bu mektubu kaleme aldım. Bankaya Uzman Yardımcısı olarak başladığı ilk günlerde İzmir Çeşme'deki mütevazı yazlıklarında anne -babası ve çekirdek ailesi ile birlikte yaşlanma arzu ve hedefinin yıllar sonra da hiç değişmediğini biliyorum.

Hayattan beklentileri ve yaşantısı mütevazi bir insandır. İnsanların ayıbını rahatlıkla yüzüne söyler, delikanlıdır, Arka planı yoktur. İçtendir, samimidir. İnsanlara eziyet etmez, onun için de bildiğim düşmanı yoktur.

Çalışkanlığı ve başarısıyla geldiği, ancak önemsemediğini bildiğim makamı büyük, kendisi alçak gönüllüdür. Dost ve sevenleri çoktur, çünkü dostlarının üzüntülerine üzülür, sevinçlerine sevinen bir insandır.

Sayın Hakim Berman, zaman olabildiğince hızlı akıyor. Geçmiş ve gelecek işleri düşünmeye/planlamaya yetmeyecek kadar kısa bir ömrümüz var. Açıkçası sayılı ömrümüzün tadını çıkararak mümkün olduğunca hatasız yaşamak gerekir. Yanlış yapıldığında yanlışları düzeltmek için zaman yetmeyebilir.

Onun için bu kısa ömürde; hatalardan uzak, gönlü rahat, ahlakı iyi, hakkı gözeten adaletli, cömert, pişmanlık duyulmayacak doğru bir davranış tarzı ve hayat felsefesine sahip olmak, çok şey istemeden yaşamak ve çalışmak önemlidir. Hakan Atilla'yı ben bu güzel tarz ve değerleriyle tanıdım.

Kendisine yetecek kadar olana talip-kanaatkar, hayattan beklentileri mütevazi ölçüde sınırlı Hakan'ı, kendisine yetecek kadardan fazlasını isteyenden, hırslı ve kanaatsiz olandan, bunun için her yolu meşru sayandan, insanlığın değerlerini ayaklar altına alandan ayırmak, kaybolmaya yüz tutmuş insani değerleri ön plana çıkararak farklılığı tescillemekten geçtiğine inanıyorum.

Siz gerek yaşının gerekse mesleğinin en olgunluğunda bulunan, bizim tabirimizle adalet terazisini elinde tutan çok önemli bir görevi ifa eden insansınız.

Mensubu olduğunuz milletinizdeki, mensubu olduğumuz milletimizdeki en büyük ortak değer, yüksek Adalet ile yoğrulmuş ahlaki erdem ve milli karakterimizdir.

Yüzyıllarca hâkimiyetini adalet ile sağlayan tarihimizden gelen yüksek adalet duygusuna sahibiz. İnsanlığı, ülkeleri ve medeniyetleri Adaletin koruduğu, büyüttüğü ve geliştirdiğinden hareketle bu bizim geleceğimize de taşıyacağımız en büyük hazinemizdir.

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Kendisine, ailesine, ülkesine ve tüm insanlığın değerlerine saygılı olan, değerlerin adamı Mehmet Hakan'ı; bunları üzerinde bulundurmayandan ayırmak, yüksek adalet ve empati ile onu anlamak, tanımak, kollamak ve gözetmek imkanına siz sahipsiniz. Biz sadece onu tanımanıza katkı sağlayabiliriz.

Sayın Hakim Berman, Mehmet Hakan Atilla'nın ve sevdiklerinin üzüntülü hallerini, dört duvar arasında yaşadığını herkesin anlayabileceğini sanmıyorum. Ama inanıyorum ki siz bunun istisnasısınız. Empatinin olgunluğunuzun yansıması en önemli özelliğiniz olduğu inancındayım.

Avucunuzun içinde tuttuğunuz serçe misali, masumluğuna inandığım Mehmet Hakan'a ilişkin kararınızı; tecrübenize, muhakeme gücünüze, ilminize, insani değerlerinize, sizin adalet tartınıza yaraşır şekilde verme konusunda Allah'ın size, Mehmet Hakan'a ve tüm sevdiklerine yardım etmesi ve kurtulması için dua ediyorum.

Vefasızlığın, empatinin yok olduğu, iftiranın ve entrikaların çoğaldığı bir dünyada yaşıyoruz. Maalesef ilgilisi olmadığınız hususlar sizin sorununuza dönüşüyor. Yapayalnız kalıyorsunuz. Kimseler yanınızda yer almıyor. Ama Mehmet Hakan yukarıda saydığım özellikleri itibariyle yalnız değildir. Hepimizin yüreği bu davada, onunla çarpıyor, aynı şeyleri hissediyor, aynı duyguları taşıyoruz. Cünkü o fena bir insan değil.

Kapitalizmin kurallarının ağırlığı altında, kapital uğruna hiçbir insan veya yaratılmışın ezdirilmediği,

Adaletin, para hırs ve sahiplerinin, makamın, siyasetin, stratejilerin zorlaması altındaki kaybolma tehlikesi yaşayan insanlık değerlerimizin ve Mehmet Hakan gibi bir insanın ve değiştirilme tehlikesi yaşayan değerlerinin feda edilmediği,

Haksızlıkların olmadığı, iyiliklerin ve iyi insanların sayısının arttığı, önceliklendirilerek değerli kılındığı, kollanılıp muhafaza edildiği bir dünyada nefes almak için insanlık adına tüm haksızlıklara karşı adaletli ve cesurca mücadele edilmesi ve hüküm verilmesi en büyük dilek ve temennimdir.

Bu vesile size ve çok değerli aile fertlerinize hürmet eder, saygılar sunarım.

MURAT YARIMOĞLU

TÜRKİYE HALK BANKASI

KIRKLARELİ ŞUBE MÜDÜRÜ

Your Honor,

I started working at the Halkbank Bogazliyan Branch in 2009. I know Mr. Hakan through my childhood friend Derya Zeynep Bayramoglu, who works in the bank's Investor Relations section.

I have gotten to know Mr. Hakan's personality alongside his helpful, reliable, honest, and kind-hearted character. I witnessed first-hand the support he provided for my friend Zeynep during her difficult times. I personally saw him act like a father, and help Zeynep out with the basic human need of accommodation when she began working for the first time. I also witnessed him support her with her marriage, helping her start a family. For me, the moral and material support he provided to a person that was trying to hold on to life has been something to take as an example.

During our personal conversations, I saw that Mr. Hakan ignores his senior executive position and conducts his interactions with modesty. For me, the fact that he lights not only his own path, but also the paths of others around him, cannot be ignored. I have seen that he, and his wife Mrs. Burcin, and their son Burkan, together make a good family example. Knowing such valuable and precious people has been a source of pride for me.

The world has always needed reliable, kind, and honest people that will light the way. I kindly seek refuge in your consideration and understanding and hope that Mr. Hakan returns to his loved ones, especially his family soon.

Yours sincerely,

Pinar YILMAZ

Deputy Administrator

Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş.

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Sayın Hakim,

2009 yılında T. Halk Bankası A.Ş. Boğazlıyan Şubesinde çalışmaya başladım. Hakan Bey'i Bankamızın Yatırımcı İlişkileri bölümünde çalışan çocukluk arkadaşım Derya Zeynep Bayramoğlu aracılığı ile tanımaktayım.

Hakan Bey'i yardımsever, güvenilir, dürüst ve iyi yürekli kişiliği ile tanıdım. Arkadaşım Zeynep'e zor zamanlarında yapmış olduğu yardımlara şahsen şahit oldum. Arkadaşım Zeynep'in iş hayatına başladıktan sonra temel ihtiyaçlarından biri olan barınma ihtiyacını karşılaması konusunda bir baba gibi yardımına koşmasına, aile kurmak için evliliğine destek olmasına yakından şahit oldum. Bir insanın maddi manevi hayata tutunma çabalarına vermiş olduğu desteği benim için her zaman örnek alınacak bir davranış olmuştur.

Hakan Bey ile bire bir yapmış olduğumuz sohbetlerde üst düzey bir yönetici olarak statü farkı gözetmeksizin mütevazı kişiliğini tüm davranışlarına yansıttığını gördüm. Fikirleri ve düşünceleri ile kendi yolunu aydınlattığı gibi, çevresindeki insanlara da ışık olması benim için kesinlikle yadsınamaz. Eşi Burçin Hanım ve oğlu Burkan ile birlikte iyi ve örnek bir aileye sahip olduklarına tanık oldum. Böyle kıymetli ve değerli insanlarla tanışmak benim için gurur vericidir.

Dünyanın yolumuzu aydınlatacak, güvenilir, dürüst ve iyi yürekli insanlara her zaman ihtiyacı olmuştur. Anlayışınıza sığınarak ümidim Hakan Bey'in başta ailesi olmak üzere, tüm sevdiklerine en kısa sürede kavuşmasıdır.

Savgilaraimia,

Pinar YILMAZ

Yönetmen Yardımcısı

Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş.

#### Your Honor,

My name is Hüseyin Zeybek. I was born in Ankara, in 1970. After graduating from university, I started working at Halkbank as a Deputy Auditor. I have served as an auditor and branch manager, respectively. For more than 10 years now, I have currently continued to work as a Department Director.

Hakan and I, have continued to take our friendship that our parents had started many years ago further. Therefore, before I start telling you about Hakan, I would like to give you some information about his parents. My father and Hakan's parents worked at the same public institution together for nearly 30 years. Both from what my father has told me and from what I have myself observed, I have concluded that the ATİLLA family is a well-liked and respected family by anyone who has come to know them. My father has always told us that he has never seen Hakan's parents do anything wrong or have any problems at work. He also emphasized that they have always been very attentive about their son's education and upbringing. I can see the positive results of this in Hakan very clearly.

Hakan is a person who has maintained all of the values installed in him by his family; he is a moral, conscientious and merciful human being. He never compromises on his values. For Hakan, no relationship or interest can ever be above these values.

We have been seeing Hakan and his family for years. Hakan, his wife Burçin and their son Burkan treat each other with love and respect and they are an exemplary family owing to the emphasis they place on family ties.

Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA is a very sociable person and has quite strong relations with people. Regardless of their financial or social status, he has friends from all walks of life and he can assess people disregarding any kind of labels attached to them. During this difficult period, I have personally witnessed how strong his friendship ties were. I would like to give an example of how much Hakan is loved even by those outside of his close circle of friends. We used to have lunch and dinner with Hakan quite frequently. He was the type of person that wherever we went, he would be able to talk to anyone, be it a waiter or the boss of the restaurant and could establish a relationship right away. Nowadays, any time I go to any of those Istanbul venues that we previously went to with Hakan, all the employees ask me about him and tell me that they would like to treat him as their guest at the venue when he returns.

We have been away from Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA for nearly a year now. I am very sad not only because he has been separated from his family for such a long time but also because I could not see such a good friend for so long.

Your Honor, I would kindly like to ask you to consider Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA's devotion to his family and loved ones and him being an exemplary individual when you assess this case. My

biggest wish is for my friend Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA to return to us, his family and country as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Hüseyin ZEYBEK [signature]

Sayın Hakim,

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Hakan ile ailelerimizin başlamış olduğu ve yıllardır süren ilişkiyi daha da ileriye götürdük. Bu nedenle Hakan ile ilgili paylaşımlarıma başlamadan önce anne ve babası ile ilgili biraz bilgi vermek isterim. Babam ve Hakan'ın anne-babası aynı kamu kurumda yaklaşık 30 yıl beraber çalıştılar. Hem babamın anlattıkları hem de benim gördüklerim ATİLLA ailesinin çevrelerince oldukça sevilen ve saygı duyulan bir aile olduğudur. Babam ayrıca iş yerinde de Hakan'ın anne ve babasının hiçbir olumsuz davranışlarını veya sorun yaşadıklarını görmediğini, çocuklarının eğitimi ve yetişmelerinde oldukça titiz davrandıklarını anlatmıştır. Ben de bunun olumlu sonuçlarını Hakan'da oldukça net olarak görüyorum.

Hakan ailesinden aldığı tüm değerleri muhafaza eden, ahlaklı, vicdanlı, merhametli bir insandır. Sahip olduğu değerlerden ödün vermez bir yapısı vardır. Hakan için hiçbir ilişki veya çıkar bu değerlerin üzerinde değildir.

Hakan ve ailesi ile yıllardır görüşmekteyiz. Hakan, eşi Burçin ve oğulları Burkan birbirlerine karşı saygı ve sevgi dolu yaklaşımları, aile bağlarına önem veren davranışları nedeniyle örnek gösterilecek bir ailedir.

Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA oldukça sosyaldir ve insanlarla ilişkileri oldukça güçlüdür. Maddi durumu veya sosyal statüsü ne olursa olsun her türlü kesimden arkadaşı olan, kişileri her türlü etiketten ayrı olarak değerlendirebilen bir özelliği vardır. Bu yaşanan süreçte kurduğu arkadaşlıkların ne kadar sağlam olduğunu bizzat yaşıyorum. Kendi yakın çevresi dışında da insanların Hakan'a olan sevgisini bir örnekle açıklamak isterim. Hakan ile hem öğlen hem akşam sık sık yemeğe giderdik. Gittiğimiz mekânlarda garsondan patrona kadar herkesle tanışıp ilişki kurabilen bir yönü vardı. Şu an Hakan ile İstanbul'da gittiğimiz mekânlara, tek gittiğimde tüm çalışanlar tarafından nasıl olduğu bana sorulmakta ve döndüğünde kendisini misafir etmek istedikleri ifade edilmektedir.

Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA'dan yaklaşık bir yıldır ayrıyız. Bu kadar süre ailesinden ayrı olması nedeniyle onlar için, bireysel olarak da çok iyi bir dost ile uzun süredir görüşemediğim için derin üzüntü içindeyim.

Sayın Hakim, sizden Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA'yı değerlendirirken onun ailesine ve sevdiklerine olan bağlılığını, örnek bir birey oluşunu dikkate almanızı diliyorum. En büyük dileğim dostum Mehmet Hakan ATİLLA'nın ailesine, bizlere ve ülkesine bir an önce kavuşabilmesidir.

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