

**SENATOR STEPHEN M. SALAND**

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Honorable Warren Eginton  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601-4150

**Re: United States of America  
vs: Vincent L. Leibell, III  
10-cr**

Dear Judge Eginton:

I am a former colleague of Vincent L. Leibell, III, having served with him in the New York State Assembly from 1984 to 1990 and thereafter in the New York State Senate 1994 through 2010. During that period of time, he and I, as well as our respective spouses, became the best of friends.

Over that period of time, I have not only engaged in numerous legislative matters with him, I have participated in countless political as well as numerous social and family events.

I have known him not merely to be a good friend, but a devoted and caring husband and father who prided himself on his activities in and contributions to the communities that he represented.

I was totally taken by surprise by the allegations and plea pursuant to which Mr. Leibell now appears before you.

Prior to the events that have resulted in your imposing such sentence as you may determine, Mr. Leibell was generally held in high regard by those whom he represented as well as those with whom he engaged as a legislator. Needless to say, subsequent to those events, his reputation and his standing have been dramatically and irretrievably damaged, if not destroyed.

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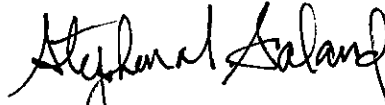
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Whatever his accomplishments, and there are many, will be overshadowed by the felony plea which he has taken. It has not only cost him his professional license, but his reputation and standing in the community, as well as severely burdened his wife and three children.

As you contemplate the measure of justice you will impose by way of your sentence, I would hope that you would be mindful of the fact that the humiliation and disgrace that he and his family will forever endure is, in a manner of speaking, a life sentence, and has blotted out what otherwise would have been a legacy of service and accomplishment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Saland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and last name "Saland" clearly distinguishable.

Stephen M. Saland  
Senator

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