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The Honorable Dennis J. Waldron
Judge, Section F
Criminal District Court
2700 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119

January 16, 1996

Dear Judge Waldron:

This letter is written to support Chris Nabors and his plea for compassion. I feel that it is necessary to balance the strong lobbying of those who want to have an example made of this case. Chris is a good person who made a mistake. While Chris needs to learn from his mistake, society needs to benefit from his health care skills as well as our investment in his education.

Dr. Nabors was under my direct supervision while he rotated through the Veterans Administration's Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Service. He is a skilled and compassionate individual who cheerfully provided treatment for our Veteran patient population. Many of these patients are indigent with limited communication and reasoning skills. I have observed him compassionately, courteously and patiently explain, and provide treatment for these individuals.

At first I found him difficult to work with, because his exterior facial expression tends to be flat and does not reveal what he is thinking. It took us a while to get comfortable enough with each other to get past this defense mechanism. Around patients he did not feel the need to be as reserved. During his VAMC tenure, Chris readily accepted criticism and direction as well as willingly complied with the VAMC policies. He was

one of the best residents with whom I have had the opportunity to work. I strongly support him and respectfully solicit your understanding and compassion as you apply your wisdom to his sentencing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. H. Wood', with a stylized, cursive script.

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