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**From:** Kathy Ruemmler <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 16, 2018 9:13 PM  
**To:** J  
**Subject:** Fwd: Attorney Client

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The critics are wrong on the facts and the law. =nbsp;

Here =re the true key facts: Jeffrey Epstein, a successful self-made =usinessman with no prior criminal history whatsoever (and who has never =cted as an informant), engaged in illegal conduct that amounts to =olitation of prostitution. His conduct was wrong and a =iolation of Florida state law. Although no coercion, violence, =lcohol, drugs or the like were involved, some of the women he paid were =nder the age of 18. Those facts were carefully assessed by experienced =tate prosecutors who aggressively enforce state criminal laws. No =ne turned a blind eye to potential offenses to the public order. =o the contrary, the Palm Beach State Attorney's Office conducted an =xtensive 15-month investigation, led by the chief of the Sex Crimes =ivision. Mr. Epstein was then indicted by a state grand jury on a =ingle felony count of solicitation of prostitution. =nbsp;

During=that intense investigation, the state prosecutors extensively gathered =nd analyzed the =vidence, met face-to-face with many of the asserted victims, considered =heir credibility -- or lack thereof -- and considered the extent of =xculpatory evidence. After months of negotiations, the state =rosecutors believed they had reached a reasoned resolution of the =atter that vindicated the public interest -- a resolution entirely =onsistent with that of cases involving other similarly-situated =efendants. The system worked as it should. =nbsp;

Then, =n came the feds. The United States Attorney's Office extensively =nd aggressively investigated whether Mr. Epstein had engaged in a =ommercial human trafficking ring, targeting minors. But that'= not what this was, and the federal authorities ultimately =cknowledged that, deferring prosecution to the state. But not =ithout conditions. The federal prosecutors insisted on many =northodox requirements that Mr. Epstein's experienced defense =eam had never seen imposed on any defendant anywhere. =nbsp;Under the =ederally-forced deal, Jeffrey was required to request that the =tate prosecutors demand the imposition of a jail sentence and

=ifetime sex-offender registration, which would not have otherwise been =quired under the previously agreed-upon state disposition of this =rostitution charge. Importantly, the feds' decision to decline =rosecution in deference to the state was reviewed and approved at the =ighest levels of the U.S. Department of Justice, across multiple =dministrations. Jeffrey accepted full responsibility =or his conduct, complied with the feds' demands, served =is sentence, and in the process was treated exactly the same as other =tate-incarcerated individuals. His conduct while in custody was =xemplary, and so characterized by the state custodial authorities. =nbsp;

Our =riend Jeffrey Epstein has paid his debt to society. He has also, =pon the insistence of the federal authorities, paid out millions of =ollars to the asserted victims and their lawyers. For over ten =ears, he has lived a good and law-abiding life, including carrying on =is wide-ranging philanthropies. Those of us who represented him in the =lorida proceedings -- for customary professional fees -- now count him =s a trusted friend.

Our nation faces vitally important challenges, many involving =he treatment of women and basic human dignity. Voices are rightly =eing raised speaking truth to power, especially about women in the =orkplace. But Jeffrey, an exemplary employer, has long since been =alled to account by the criminal justice system for his misdeeds of =esteryear. He fully and faithfully has fulfilled every promise =nd obligation required of him by state and federal authorities. =nbsp;In the spirit of the bedrock American belief in second chances and =undamental fairness, that unhappy chapter in Jeffrey's =therwise-magnificent life should be allowed to close once and for all. =nbsp; =nbsp;

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