**Letter to Judge Asking for Leniency for Friend**

The Honorable [Name of Judge]

Judge of [Name of Court]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip Code]

[Date]

[Your Name]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip Code]

Re: Defendant’s Name, Case Number

Dear [Last Name of Judge],

I have known [Name of Friend] for the past five years, and in that time, I have found him to be a kind and honest man. He’s always been a Hard-working employee, and I know that he is a good person at heart.

I want to thank you for your even-handed attitude during the trial, and I do think he was rightfully found guilty of [basic assault]. It’s worth mentioning that, although he started the fight, it wasn’t indicative of his character at all because normally he is not a violent person. At the time of the incident, his life was very stressful and caused him to lash out in anger.

He says he's sorry for his actions and promises too never do it again. I trust him since I know him well, and I ask for a mild penalty because his family would be severely impacted if he is incarcerated. I am willing to provide employment for him after his punishment has been served, and I believe that he will be a valuable member of our team.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and respond. [Telephone number] is where you may reach me.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Your Name]