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Honorable Helen Edgington, Chair
Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board
c/o Lewis Unglesby
246 Napoleon Street
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Re: Larry S. Bankston

Dear Ms. Edgington:

It is with extreme honesty of purpose and sincerity of heart that I write this letter on behalf of a long time friend, Larry S. Bankston.

I have known the Bankston family, particularly Larry's father and mother, for over 35 years. As a former Lieutenant - Governor of Louisiana, former member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, former member of the Judiciary and a member of the Louisiana Bar Association for over 35 years, I fully understand the nature of this request. I thought long and hard about sending this request and felt that justice can only be served when we all get involved.

Larry, as a young man, prior to his conviction, had a promising law practice and political career. His election to local and state government offices demonstrates the esteem to which he was held. He has been active in civic organizations and charitable boards and commissions.

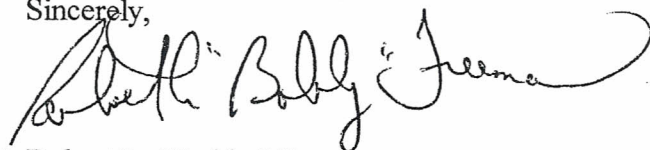
As a former member of the judiciary, I fully understand the effect of his conviction and the cloud which it places on elected officials. However, I do feel that Larry has made amends to society.

I am asking the Board to consider suspension of Larry's right to practice law and not impose disbarment. His conviction was not based upon any attorney - client relationship, loss of funds by a client or any relationship to his practice of law.

A Board decision of suspension for a specific time will best serve justice in this particular case.

Thanking you in advance, for your consideration, I remain

Sincerely,



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