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To whom it may concern,

Joseph A. DiBruno, Sr. has been under my care for many years. Over the last several years his health has undergone significant deterioration. Mr. DiBruno has experienced severe cardiac disease and has required coronary artery stenting times two due to advanced coronary artery disease and has developed diabetic cardiomyopathy, resulting in a marked decreased ejection fraction (pumping action). This limits his activities to quiet activity around the home and this still results in episodes of severe dyspnea.

In addition he has insulin dependant diabetes which is rather brittle. This results in sudden episodes of both hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia. This was severe enough to result in hospitalization earlier this year when he passed out and suffered a diabetic stroke. He must control his diet carefully and takes four shots of insulin daily as well as testing his blood sugars four times daily. The stress of his legal difficulties has had a significant deleterious effect upon both his cardiac and diabetic status.

Mr. DiBruno also suffers from degenerative disease of the spine and both knees. This severely hinders his mobility with difficulty walking, requiring assistance to getting in and out of vehicles and inability to negotiate stairs or inclines. Furthermore, the diabetic stroke has rendered his left upper extremity slightly clumsy. Current legal stressors have also caused insomnia. The loss of friends, acquaintances and business associates frightened away due to frequent telephone calls from private investigators as well subpoenas has caused him great distress and has exacerbated his medical problems. He is not only unable to travel to deal with his legal difficulties, he is being slowly killed by the constant demands of the lawsuit with restrictions resulting in loss of ability to pursue business interests to meet legal expenses. Repossession of his vehicle and selling off lifelong possessions to meet rent and grocery needs has essentially ruined both his reputation and health. I will assume this is sufficient information to satisfy the Court.

Sincerely,

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