

TEMPLATE FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR JEREMY HAMMOND

Jeremy Hammond's sentence is set for **Friday, November 15 at 10am** at the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York (address below). We are collecting letters of support on his behalf. Please submit your letter by **October 15, 2013** so that it can be included in our submission to the Court. **Please do not send your letter directly to the Court – it will not be read.** Below is a suggested template for support letters.

ADDRESS:

Honorable Loretta A. Preska
Chief Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

DATE:

GREETING: Dear Judge Preska:

BODY OF LETTER: Briefly discuss yourself – who you are, your position in work or your role in the community. If you are not personally acquainted with Jeremy, tell the Judge why you are interested in his case. State that you are aware that Jeremy has pled guilty to a violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Tell the Judge why you believe he should be treated with compassion.

If you know Jeremy personally, and can offer some personal observations, you will want to mention this in your letter. It would be helpful to include:

- How you know him and how long you have known him.
- Jeremy's character and compassion for other people (if possible, include concrete examples of things that he has done for you or others).

If you would like to address the disparate treatment of Jeremy's co-defendants, or put his case in the context of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act ("CFAA"), you may want to mention some of the following points:

- Jeremy's co-defendants in Ireland will not be prosecuted and in the United Kingdom, those who are already convicted will not spend more than 16 months in prison.
- The disproportionate sentences associated with the CFAA, or that the protection the CFAA affords to corporations is greater than those it affords to individuals, who may be subjected to surveillance by private corporations such as Stratfor. (For more information on the CFAA, please visit the website of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, <https://www.eff.org/issues/cfaa>)

Whether you know Jeremy or not, you may want to mention that he had no financial gain from his actions, which he undertook as politically-motivated acts of civil disobedience. **Do not try to argue that Jeremy is not guilty or was unfairly convicted. You are asking the Judge for leniency.**

Sign the letter and include your return address. Completed letters can be (1) faxed to 347-402-2014, (2) scanned and emailed to sarah at kunstlerlaw dot net, or (3) mailed to:

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