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Dear Kaiser Representatives,

I am writing to support my brother, Billy Rodriguez, and his request for an additional 30-day stay at Pathways Recovery. My family and I have been dealing with his alcoholism for decades, and after several years of trying to get him to go to rehab, we were finally able to convince him to go. We saw a significant improvement during his first 30 days, but it was too short, and he relapsed right away.

Billy is someone who needs structure to thrive. When he has a routine, responsibilities, and people keeping him accountable, he does well. But as soon as the structure goes away, he becomes unmotivated and falls back into his old ways. He has to keep busy and have some sense of purpose, or he quickly loses motivation. If he is discharged from rehab before going back to work, he will be at home with nothing to do, no structure, and no accountability, making relapse very likely. If that happens, then he will most likely lose his job, and if he loses his job, there will be no hope for him.

Billy has always struggled to secure a job. It took him years to secure this state job, and it is the only stability he has. And the main reason he still has it is because it is a state job with union protections. If he was working in the private sector, he would have been fired already. If he loses this job, he will never find another opportunity like this, and will struggle to even find another job again. Without it, he will have no income, no structure, and no future, leading him into a downward spiral.

Billy currently has a pending DUI case, and if convicted, he could face mandatory jail time of 120 days to 1 year. This means that without intervention, he could spend several months in jail, eliminating any chance of saving his job. But there are alternatives to jail time, such as extended rehab and alcohol monitoring programs, that could significantly reduce or eliminate jail time. The more time he spends in structured rehabilitation, the stronger his case will be for alternative sentencing. Any jail time could eliminate any chances of him saving his job. A 30-day extension could make all the difference in helping him avoid jail time and stay on the path to recovery and saving his job.

His drinking is not just a legal issue, it is a serious danger to himself and others. This would be his third DUI, and each time he gets behind the wheel while intoxicated, he is risking his life and the lives of others. If he continues this behavior, he could kill someone or himself.

This situation has already put an enormous strain on our family. Our dad, who he lives with, has serious health issues and has already had two heart attacks, and is currently experiencing dizzy spells. The stress of dealing with Billy's alcoholism is making his health worse. While Billy is in rehab, my dad does not have to worry about him drinking, so it relieves some stress. But If Billy is discharged from rehab before he is approved to go back to work, then he will be home doing nothing, and my dad would have to worry about him drinking, putting more stress on him and his health.

We as a family, have invested so much time and energy into helping Billy, and we are at a breaking point. We feel like this may be his last chance at recovery. If he relapses again, he will likely lose his job, and if that happens, he will become a full-blown alcoholic with no ability to get back on his feet. He will bring down

the people around him, and the situation will create a chain reaction that negatively impacts our entire family and others in his life.

Research shows that 90 days in rehab improves recovery success rates by 20% compared to just 60 days. The additional 30 days will give Billy a significantly better chance at staying sober and will also minimize the time between his discharge and returning to work, ensuring that he maintains structure and stability. Without that extra time, he will go home, fall back into his old habits, and we will be right back where we started.

I urge you to please approve an additional 30-day stay at Pathways Recovery. This is his best chance at recovery, and if he doesn't get it, I am afraid there won't be another chance left for him.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angelo Rodriguez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Angelo Rodriguez