

Honorable Judge Edward J. Davila
San Jose Courthouse, Courtroom 4—5 th Floor
280 South 1 st Street
San Jose, Ca. 95113

Dear Judge Davila,

My name is Bill Evans. My son Billy is Elizabeth Holmes partner. Admittedly, in writing to you on Elizabeth's behalf, I have less than an objective view. Nonetheless, I hope that you will consider my thoughts concerning some mitigating circumstances that might guide her sentencing.

Over the past 40 years, I have been in the hotel business, have had thousands of employees and served millions of guests. The hotel business deals with a parade of new customers daily, unfortunately, some of these interactions are not positive, guests and employees lying to me is standard practice, resulting in me having to size up people and their intentions quickly. The past 3 years has allowed me to spend over a thousand hours in a variety of situations with Elizabeth, and these are my observations.

She is a genuinely kind and nonjudgmental person.

I have never heard Elizabeth say a single negative thing about any member of the press or the team from the Justice Department. I might say something derogatory, and she would say "they are just doing their job" The first time I heard her say this I was somewhat skeptical but over the course of the trial when the subject was brought up by friends and family, I heard her say it repeatedly. It takes an extraordinary person to maintain an open heart towards your potential executioner.

She is giving of her time to friends.

In the middle of the trial, I would find Elizabeth in deep conversations with friends, helping them thru a relationship or giving them advice with personal problems. When I told her I thought the rolls should be reversed, and that her friends should be helping her, she laughed and said everyone's problems are important to them. I understand how this could be a "peace time" response to help a friend but when in the middle of a trial whose outcome was dangling above her like the Sword of Damocles, I thought it was way beyond the call of duty. Unlike the portrait painted by the prosecutors, she is humble and to her core, a person driven to serve people. In her world she comes last.

She is a tireless worker

Leading up to the trial Elizabeth not only prepared for her testimony, helped her legal team reconstruct her 10 years at Theranos, she also had a child. Most new mothers would pick a priority, bond with the child, or focus on the long game and hand off the child to a family member so that she could concentrate on the trial. In true Elizabeth style, she chose to do both. Her days went from 14 hours of legal work to whatever it took to be a mother and fully engaged member of her legal team. In my career, having tens of thousands of employees, having headed civic organizations, I have never seen dedication of time and energy at the level.

Since Elizabeth's indictment in June of 2018, she has been shunned by strangers and friends alike. She has had her home broken into, her mail ransacked, repeatedly verbally attacked on the street by

strangers. She has been forced to hide from all but her closest friends and family. There is still daily diet of lies and half-truths that continue to follow her in the world's media and the internet.

The internet has fundamentally changed our world. As an example, if you Google Babe Ruth, you will find almost 21,000,000 web sites (results) that reference him, Neil Armstrong 34,500,000, and Ronald Reagan a whopping 58,000,000 separate pages. As of August 15, 2022, there are over 67,600,000 separate web pages discussing Elizabeth Holmes, I have yet to find one that has anything kind to say. To put this in perspective, Osama bin Laden has 21 million results, many of which are positive

In the eyes of hundreds of millions around the world that have read these 67 +million webpages, there will be no redemption, no escape for Elizabeth from this extrajudicial justice.

Unfortunately, Elizabeth isn't suffering alone. My son and grandson also bare societies animus towards Elizabeth. The Mothers of my grandson's future classmates of will know who his mother is, their judgements will not relate to the trial's verdicts but from the 2 movies, three television shows, multiple pod casts and books, magazines, newspapers and tens of million web articles, all of which judged her as guilty on all 12 counts years before the trial started. Facing this onslaught with his mother by his side is difficult to imagine, but without her, unimaginable.

Your honor, I believe courts may consider time served as part of the sentencing package, I submit that in this case, you might consider the cumulative amount of the media and internet's negative exposure, as the modern equivalent to an angry mob that Elizabeth and her family will have to endure long after her sentence is completed.

The Elizabeth I have come to know is not a schemer, she is a dreamer, one who dared to push science outside industry norms. History is full of scientific heretics who have helped mankind. Willie Mays once said, "In order to excel you must be completely dedicated", I believe dedication is the word that best describes Elizabeth Holmes. Dedicated to her family, friends, and community. Her shining intellect, unlimited drive, and willingness to make personal sacrifices is exactly what the world needs to help solve its many problems.

Thank You for your consideration.
Sincerely,



William Evans

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Dear Judge Davila,

My name is Grace Evans, I'm Billy Evans' younger sister. I'm 24 years old, a recent graduate of USC and currently work for my family's hotel company in the marketing department.

Today I'm writing to you from the perspective of a mid-20's woman, the age at which Elizabeth was deep into creating Theranos. Elizabeth is 14 years older than me, so it is hard for me to imagine the enormity of what Elizabeth created, much less for a young woman 14 years ago. 14 years ago, women in science were the exception and as it is today, young women, no matter how well educated, are not taken seriously by men in power.

Despite these many obstacles, Elizabeth created a company from scratch. She hired the best and brightest of scientists, invented hundreds of blood tests, and secured hundreds of patents.

I ask myself, how is this possible? How did she raise her first million to start the company with nothing more than an idea of the possible? How did she have the strength to never give up through roadblocks at every turn? How did she carry herself with such grace and confidence around the most powerful people? How did she never let anyone crush her dream of helping humanity? Welcoming Elizabeth to my family answered every "how."

I often say I should write a book – everything I have learned through Elizabeth being in my life. It would certainly be a page turner but endless. For time's sake I am going to give you what has been the most impactful chapter for me thus far.

August 2019 - I had just got back from spending 6 months in London and was starting school back at USC. I was entering my senior year of university – excited yet scared as I did not have many close friendships. I quickly started dating my classmate. Everything seemed perfect to me. I had someone to spend my time with and a new group of friends. Yet on the outside the red flags were all there. The relationship quickly became abusive, and I was under his complete control. I am not one to give up, so I didn't. A year went by and as confidence slowly left so did my happiness. Yet, I stayed with him.

I had every reason to leave, and everyone was telling me to. He was not liked by any family member or friend. No one cared to hear me talk about him or our issues anymore. I felt like I had no one to go to but him – the one who was hurting me. I was scared and lost. I didn't know how to leave him.

Spring 2021- During what became a year long breakup Elizabeth became a mentor to me. I was not aware of what Elizabeth had gone through at all in her past relationship; I just felt a sense of comfort with her. She knew what I was dealing with, understood what I was feeling, and

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genuinely cared. She would never say a mean word. She wasn't there to cause drama, simply wanted to help me.

Despite the chaos going on in her world, Elizabeth frequently check-in on me. She would send me heartfelt messages reminding me of my worth or a simple call to see how I was doing. Her calmness talked me through panic attacks when I was unable to get off my bathroom floor or say a coherent word. She had patience with me – she was always there. She became my escape, when I needed a place to go, I was always welcome at her home. During this time, she showed me her inherent kindness and empathy.

August 2021 - Elizabeth instilled in me her confidence and positive mindset. Instead of never give up on a toxic relationship – choose to never give up on yourself. If one formula does not work, first understand why, then start over and find a new one. She reminded me that failure is crucial on the journey to success and there are lessons to be learned in every challenge. What does not kill you will only make you stronger. I left my relationship, without a regret but grateful for what it taught me to what to look for in a partner at a young age. I am very fortunate for the impact Elizabeth has had on my life. She is an inspiration that I admire greatly.

Your honor, most people look at life as “what can I get from it” but they are never fulfilled. Elizabeth looks at life as “what can I give to it” and she is more than ready to give us her all. We need more people like Elizabeth whose unique combination of intelligence, grit and compassion makes this world a better place.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grace Evans', written over a large, light gray 'TMZ' watermark.

Grace Evans