EXHIBIT “B”
June 20, 2012

Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez
United States District Judge
U.S. Courthouse
700 Stewart Street, Suite 13134
Seattle, WA 98101-9906

Re: Andrew Chiu
2:12-cr-00070-RSM(02)

Dear Judge Martinez,

I have known Andrew Chiu for about 3 years as his manager at Southern California Edison. I was the hiring manager who personally interviewed him and brought him aboard. I do not regret the decision, as I consider Andrew to be a friend and a tremendously valued co-worker. He is a very bright young man, hard worker, and extremely reliable person. His decision to terminate his employment with Southern California Edison has left us with a hole in our organization which will be very hard to fill. He was an extremely talented and dedicated employee.

When Andrew realized the magnitude of his mistake in judgment, he advised me of his situation, took full responsibility for his actions, and advised me that he planned to leave Southern California Edison to protect the Southern California Edison name, to avoid a distraction in the day to day work effort, and to avoid criticism to his co-workers that may have resulted from the trouble that he was in. His primary concern at that point was for Southern California Edison and the employees that he worked with... not himself. Given my experience with Andrew, the character that he displayed when he got in trouble, his strong engineering skills, steadfast work ethic, and his dependable performance, I would certainly recommend him to be rehired at Southern California Edison, and would not hesitate to write a personal letter of recommendation for any other job position that he is interested in.

I am very much impressed with Andrew's reaction to the trouble that he is in. He has accepted full responsibility for his actions, he has acknowledged his errors to his co-workers, has taken steps to protect his employer and co-workers, and is ready to accept whatever punishment is levied on him. It appears that he is truly sorry for his mistakes, has learned from his mistakes, and will not likely repeat these mistakes again during his lifetime. I have often looked back on what happened to Andrew and realized that I could have been in the same situation if I had reacted differently to some of the opportunities that I have had in my life... and realize that the grace of God likely made the difference in my life.

I believe that Andrew is a good person who made a bad decision. I also believe that Andrew has taken responsibility for his actions and is sorry for the mistakes that he has made. Additionally, I believe that Andrew is a very talented individual who has the skills, abilities, and drive to make a difference in the workplace and the lives of others that he interacts with in the future. With this in mind, I respectfully request that you exercise leniency on his behalf.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

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Respectfully Yours,

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Re: Andrew Chiu  
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Dear Judge Martinez,

I hope this letter will give you some perspective to my friend and former employee, Andrew Chiu. I have known Andrew since January 2008, and have maintained regular contact with him since he relocated to California. As the Engineering Director here at ComEd, I had the pleasure and privilege to manage Andrew. To my colleagues and me, there was nothing Andrew could not handle. My analogy to my co-workers was that Andrew was a “thoroughbred” amongst his peers and one day he would be atop a company. Every year, he was consistently ranked as the top engineer in my organization and deservedly so.

When Andrew called me to let me know of his illegal activity, I could not believe it. During his time at ComEd, he never exhibited any illegal or such behaviors. Andrew was always candid, outspoken, intelligent, and respectful. However, my respect for Andrew since his confession has fortified my respect for him. I know it was tough for him when he confessed his crime to me. He was contrite, knows what he did was wrong, understands that consequences come with what he did, and is planning for the long road ahead. For some, they would fight or somehow twist that what they did was not wrong or find someone or something to blame it on, but not Andrew. Talking to him, he was remorseful and accepted full accountability for all he did.

Yes, he has committed a serious crime, but I know that it was completely out of character for him. We have all made decisions we have regretted, but it does not take away Andrew’s true character I know and have experienced. I have told Andrew that whatever he needs—personally or professionally—he need not hesitate to reach out to me. Andrew knows that he can contact me after his due time is served if he desires to come back to work for ComEd. I will fight tooth and nail with Human Resources to get him back onboard.

Andrew was always my “go to” man—reliable, loyal, meticulous, and efficient. When emergent work needed to be completed on the weekends, Andrew would always volunteer and have it done by Monday morning. Never did he expect anything in return for the extra hours he put in or boast about it. Whatever task or project given to him, Andrew completed it thoroughly and efficiently. Andrew was also well respected by his peers and colleagues. He would always give advice and help out. Out of all my engineers, I personally selected him to mentor my two interns and new hire, not only due to his knowledge and tireless work ethic, but also due to his exceptional qualities as a person.

There have been many instances when Andrew would fight for our customers—when truly the “right” thing needed to be done but fellow employees would be afraid to speak up. On one instance, he was working in the field late into the night due to an ice storm and there was an elderly customer without power on a medical respirator. Due to the ice storm and regular power restoration protocol, it would have taken at least 2 days to restore power to the elderly customer. Andrew called me, explained the situation, and firmly demanded that I speak to the Vice President of our company to deploy a generator to the customer—generators are not supposed to be given to customers. Needless to say, it was done that night.
Andrew has always been selfless, whether through his profession or personal life. He is reserved about his personal life, as he does not gloat about what he does. But I know he volunteers his personal time with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization and various after school programs for kids in need. He has always been a proponent of helping unfortunate children.

Even though the crime he committed is completely out of character for him, I know he is taking it as a harsh life lesson upon himself, for Andrew carries a very heavy self-discipline. He is extremely hard upon himself, as he takes care and pride in everything he does, professionally and personally.

Hopefully, this letter has given you some perspective on the type of man, Andrew, really is. We all make mistakes, but he has made a grave one, and with that he and I know he must face the appropriate punishment. I wish that you consider leniency on Andrew’s behalf.

Warmest Regards,

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Re: Andrew Chiu  
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Dear Judge Martinez,

I am writing to you with regards to Andrew Chiu. My name is John Rusnak. I am employed at an electric utility company in suburban Chicago where Andrew and I worked together for about two years. It was truly a pleasure to work with him. He learned fast, was knowledgeable, personable, easy to talk with and had friendships with many coworkers. He is very respectful of others, is honest and has strong character. In the relatively short time that I worked with him, we became good friends. Even though we are effectively a generation apart, we were able to relate to each other surprisingly well. We have maintained our friendship since Andrew took a new position at an electric utility in California.

It was a complete shock to me to hear that Andrew was in legal trouble. Of all the different people I know and the different personalities and backgrounds, Andrew is the last person I would ever even imagine being in the predicament he is in. When Andrew informed me of his committing wire fraud, he was very matter-of-fact about it, saying that he made poor choices and that he had made a huge mistake. He didn't evade accountability or responsibility for his actions but instead simply confessed. He is concerned with his future after his sentence is served. I told Andrew that first and foremost that I am his friend and I will support him through this. Whatever he wants or needs, he has my help.... In any way I can.

Andrew is a very honest true-to-himself kind of man. He is very quick to learn and is just as quick to help others learn too. He has demonstrated many times his willingness to give his time and share his knowledge and experiences. In addition to his honesty, Andrew has shown an impressive element of sensitivity. Many instances of poor/mis-management at work were dealt with by him offering better methods or actions with a focus on the positive and not criticizing. Somehow, Andrew seems to be able to motivate others to excel and he cares enough to do it.

Andrew was there for me when I was going through some very difficult personal issues, namely my divorce. He was genuinely interested in helping me to resolve my personal issues and he was able to help me see my plight from a different perspective. During my divorce, Andrew even gave me a place to stay in his apartment for a year. He was one of the few people I could talk to during my divorce, and without him, I can honestly say that I would not have my optimistic outlook on life. He is a socially active person. He plays tennis, goes out to eat, does rock climbing, runs every day, rides his bike and hangs out with friends. I especially liked that he made the time for frequent road trips to visit with his parents in St. Louis.

Andrew is a great man. He has impacted this world in some very positive ways. What he did was so incredibly out of character. He told me that he has no excuse for what he did and that what he did was very wrong. He also expressed sorrow and remorse for his actions. Andrew has had some great accomplishments in his life and he says very little about any of them. But when this happened, he called me. Knowing he could lose me as his friend, he was completely honest with me. I was proud of him for how he laid it all out, confessed to his crime, accepted
responsibility and let the truth rule. He showed that strong character and integrity I know he has. Andrew has made a mistake, a big mistake. But I am confident that he has a deep understanding and appreciation for how wrong his actions were. He broke the law. He let society down, he let his family down and he let himself down. He let me down too. But I know Andrew and I believe wholeheartedly that he will not make a mistake anything like this again. I have admired Andrew since I've known him and I still do.

I hope I have given you some insight into my friend Andrew so that when he stands before you, I pray that you afford him the fullest leniency allowed by law. Thank you for your consideration.

(Sincerely,

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Re: Andrew Chiu  
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Dear Judge Martinez,

I worked with Andrew during the time he was employed at ComEd in Joliet, Illinois and have kept in contact with him ever since he left ComEd to work for Southern California Edison.

Recently, Andrew contacted me to tell me what he had done and the consequences he now faces.

I can honestly say that I was shocked and saddened to hear what had occurred. I find this to be so completely out of character of Andrew.

During my time with him at ComEd, Andrew always displayed a terrific work ethic and attitude. I observed his interactions with customers and fellow employees to always be fair, warm, and within company rules and policy.

I can confidently say Andrew was well liked and respected by everyone he had contact with at ComEd. He was considered a tremendous asset by all and greatly missed when he moved on to follow his career path in California.

Aside from Andrew’s professional life, I have always admired his personal commitment to helping those in need. He was an active Big Brother in the Big Brothers Big Sisters to a troubled teenager who had been abused as a child. My son and I got to meet Andrew’s small brother at a Cubs baseball game one afternoon. Just seeing the interaction between Andrew and his little one—the joy, happiness, and humor Andrew instilled in him—affirmed in me that he was in good hands and had a great role model. To this day, I know Andrew still keeps in contact with his little one, as he cares and wants the best for him. Andrew has always displayed a passion to reach out to unfortunate kids to help in any he can and to set them on the right foot to a bright future. I have always admired this attribute in him.

I believe it was as difficult for Andrew to tell me of his actions as it was for me to hear of them. While Andrew’s path in life will be forever altered by this episode, it is my belief he is determined to put this affair behind him and look to a productive future.

Please consider allowing Andrew to begin that future as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Re: Andrew Chiu
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Honorable Judge Martinez:

Andy was one of my direct reports at a utility company in Illinois for approximately two years (2009 – 2010). During this timeframe Andy was responsible for the resolution of customers (e.g. residential, industrial, municipal etc.) electrical utility issues. Annual merit ratings were provided for each respective year. Andy was rated above average in both of our measurable areas; quantifiable goals and the value based behaviors. He was very intelligent, personal and a pleasure to both work with and supervise. During the years as Andy’s Manager there was never any cause to doubt his integrity. Andy and I had minimal contact outside of the work environment.

Andy briefly informed me of the recent event leading to his hearing and upcoming sentencing and I was shocked. I had no idea that Andy had it in him to utilize the gifts and skills he possessed to do something illegal. In the conversation with Andy he seemed very sorry for his actions and is very concerned about the consequences. He agrees that he deserves whatever punishment the court feels is appropriate however, is concerned about the fact that this will have implications for the rest of his life.

Andy’s actions deserve punishment for breaking the law and the financial implications to the affected company and the impact on society. For that he acknowledges and is willing to serve. My request is to ensure that the “punishment matches the crime”.

Respectfully,

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