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Dear Mr. Mike Dew:

This letter is a testament by me as a character witness for Dan Willoughby. My name is Dr. Gary Cushing, and I have known Dan and Patricia Willoughby since 1971, both socially and professionally.

I was the best man at their wedding and have always remained close to them. Naturally I was shocked when I learned of Trish's death, but even more shocked when Dan was accused of being involved in her death. I cannot believe that he intentionally took part in a plot or scheme that caused her death. Both before and after their wedding, they were always together, always happy and fun to be around. I personally thought how wonderful it would be to have a relationship as magnificent as theirs.

I was with them both quite a lot. We would go to baseball games together, even taking their new born son Hayden, with diaper bag and stroller, etc. They were very happy with their lives and always had their son with them no matter what they were doing.

Trish, and I were close and we were talking about getting involved in a business together. She was extremely successful as a representative of a health supplement program. I was interested in this venture as an income supplement.

It is impossible for me to believe that Dan was capable of doing any harm to his wife Trish. Dan is very intelligent, fun loving guy that all who that know him loved and respected him. Mutual friends are always asking about Dan, if there is any news about a new trial and how much longer will Dan be before he is released.

It is my feeling that I was ignored, by Dan's legal representatives during his trial. I believe that myself and others could have testified to Dan's character and his love for Trish and their family. I cannot and never will believe that Dan is guilty of this crime. Dan, should be acquitted and released. If there is a need for additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely  
Gary Cushing o.d.