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Dear Judge Fisher:

I am one of the victims of Anthony Pellicano and his co-conspirators. I testified at both of the Pellicano trials. I ask you to consider three things when sentencing the Defendants.

First, the suffering that Mr. Pellicano and his co-conspirators caused the victims has been ignored or unfairly minimized by many. The principal harm, an invasion of privacy, goes far beyond the financial losses that the victims suffered as a result of the Defendants providing an unfair advantage in civil litigation.

An invasion of privacy is a sharp personal assault.

Before I experienced it, I was like most people and thought "invasion of privacy" was an abstract wrong that did not seriously harm anyone. When the press initially reported that Mr. Pellicano was being investigated for wiretapping, it did not strike any emotional chord in me.

But when I was first confronted with evidence that I was wiretapped – in the form of notes from someone listening to my telephone conversations with my client – I was shaken. I felt violated. I was dizzy and slightly nauseous. And every time I am reminded of it, some of those same feelings return. About 10 years ago I was robbed at gun point in a parking lot. That was a difficult experience. Confronting what the Defendants did to me was equal in magnitude.

It is hard to put in words and I don't like talking about it. But Mr. Pellicano and his colleagues caused me a real and lasting injury. I am sure the same is true for many of his other victims.

Second, we need to make an example of Mr. Pellicano and company because it is so hard to catch such criminals. Crimes of the type conducted by the Defendants are, by their very nature, difficult (usually impossible) to detect. Because such criminals face a low risk of being caught, there is very little to deter them. The only potential deterrent is to impose a stiff penalty on those that are caught.

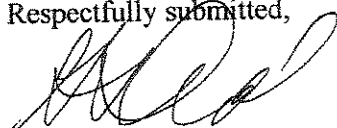
Even in the case of Mr. Pellicano's conspiracy, the government could amass sufficient evidence against only a small portion of those responsible. We know about most of the criminals only because they confessed after getting a grant of immunity.

The only tangible way to signal that there are real risks for engaging in wiretapping or other invasions of confidential information is to impose a long prison sentence on the few who are caught.

Third, many of the perpetrators were lawyers, licensed investigators, or police officers – the very people charged with making the justice system work fairly. It is especially important to deter people in these positions from committing crimes that subvert justice.

I thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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