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Honorable Lawrence S. Krasner, Esq
Philadelphia District Attorney
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RE: Antonio Ramon Gonzalez

Dear District Attorney Krasner,

I am writing this letter in reference to a constituent and community member who is currently facing charges from a recent incident. I can personally attest that I've known Mr. Gonzalez for over two decades and that he is an active and valued member of the community. As a resident of Norris Square, blocks away from Mr. Gonzalez's business, "Half Time Good Times" at 120 W. Diamond St., I have seen his continued work with neighbors and community groups to improve conditions in the neighborhood and be a better business owner.

When faced with challenges in expanding his business from the police department, Mr. Gonzalez was able to garner considerable support from the community to move forward with those improvements. Working with residents of varying opinions Mr. Gonzalez was able to come to an amicable solution and cooperative plan to move forward.

Mr. Gonzalez has been an avid member of the Norris Square Park Friends group and has taken on personally paying for park clean ups and special events without any hesitation. His philanthropic work also involves allowing countless community groups to conduct fundraisers and charity events at the establishment, even raising funds to pay for final expenses for community members whose families couldn't afford such a burdensome cost.

Mr. Gonzalez went from sweeping the floors 120 West Diamond to currently owning the establishment. He's worked tirelessly to grow this business and is a son of the Norris Square neighborhood having attended the Saint Boniface School as a child and still owning a business here. He is a valued community member and I sincerely request your full consideration in finding a resolution.

Respectfully,

Maria D. Quiñones Sánchez
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