

BeAnn A. Pluimer
703 Roxe Drive
Forest Grove, Oregon [97116]

January 7, 2007

Attn: Judge Panner

RE: Mr. Barton A. Buhtz

Dear Judge Panner:

Barton **Buhtz** is my father and a man whom I deeply respect and honor. He has taught me to be faithful to God, live a life of integrity, ~~treat~~ others as I want to be treated, stand up for my beliefs, and when my life is over and to stand before God and hear Him say, "Well done, my good and **faithful** servant."

All that my dad **has** taught me is also what he himself practices and which I have witnessed in his life time after time. I have seen him stand for truth when everyone else is **afraid**. He is willing to lay down his life for truth and justice so others may have **freedom**. This is the **type** of man Barton Buhtz is and has been his entire life. He is not perfect nor does he pretend to be. But when I look **back** on how he raised me and how our relationship is to this **day**, I am truly blessed that he is my father. The world is a better place because of this man's **life** and all he has **sacrificed** for **so** many people.

Sincerely,



BeAnn A. Pluimer

January 10, 2008

Dear Judge Panner;

Barton Buhtz is affectionately known to me as "Dad". I am his oldest daughter. My family and I, including my husband and three kids, have the privilege of living in the same home, not "house", but "home", with my father and mother. Growing up, and continuing now, my parents have *always* made their house a "home".

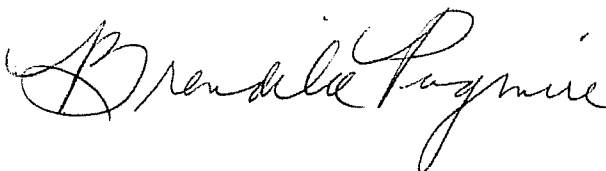
There has never been, nor will there ever be, any question in my mind as to the Godly and righteous character of my dad. And that is why I write this letter to you. I felt that a simple but meaningful acrostic would share with you who my dad, Barton Buhtz is to me and to everyone who is a part of his life:

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Thank you for taking the time to read this. Simply said, my dad is an awesome man, someone whom many of my own friends have wished they could claim as their own Dad! God gave him great passion to reach out to others in ways no others can, or even will for that matter. I thank God for my father Barton Buhtz.

Sincerely,
Brendilee Pugmire
Sunland, CA



January 16, 2008

Judge Owen **Panner**:

I have known Barton Buhtz for several years now. Barton is a fine Christian man. As a Christian myself I greatly respect and admire his devotion to Jesus our Lord. As a student of the Bible I know that Barton's faith is genuine. Barton truly is a fine example of service to **God**. He is one who truly tries to live up to the commandments of Jesus to first love God with all that you are and then to love your neighbor as you love yourself

Barton is a kind and caring **man** who goes out of his way to help anyone that asks him. He helps out of the goodness of his heart and not for personal gain.

I have never known Barton to engage in any manner of dishonesty or improper or unlawful behavior. I have always found him to be a proper, law-abiding man. This country would be a far better place if people, especially those in government, were more like him. I consider myself blessed for having Barton as my friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles D. Minor', with a stylized, cursive script.

Charles D. Minor
2219 W. Olive Ave. #230
Burbank, California 91506

January 14, 2008

Rev. Ralph R. Gardner
1483 North Mt. Juliet Rd. #107
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee 37122

To Judge Owen Panner,

Barton A. **Buhtz** is my brother-in-law in that I **am** married to his sister. I became acquainted with him as I came into the family in 1964. He was a fellow student at **Simpson** Bible College, in San Francisco. At that time I knew him best as a radio announcer on a Christian station.

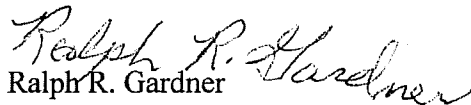
I used him as a guest speaker in my first pastorate in Fair Oaks, CA. I was very impressed with his message: *The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ*. *In* more recent years, when I visited his family in southern California, I helped him minister in a Senior Citizen's Center. I say this to say that his lifestyle conforms to his Bible knowledge in teaching and preaching. I knew him then, and know him now as a man of high standards ethically and morally.

To my knowledge he has always been a good and **faithful** godly **husband**, **father** and now grandfather.

He has deep concerns for hurting people, regardless of their age bracket.

In all of our **political** discussions, I've known him to be very patriotic and devoted to and concerned for the United States of America.

Sincerely Yours,


Ralph R. Gardner

1/8/2008

Dear Judge Panner,

At this time I would request that you please take a moment to read each of the letters presented to you by the many friends of Barton Buhtz,

He is a man of deep religious faith and of truth. I do not believe he would do anything to defraud anyone or any business or corporation. His integrity is a shining example to the rest of the world.

He has been a friend for several years now and having known him I am a better person and closer to Christ.

Thank you for reading this.

Respectfully,

Mark Emery

3195 Cole Rd. S.

Salem, Oregon 97306

The Honorable
Judge Owen Panner
United States District Court
Medford Oregon

January 10, 2008

Dear Sir;

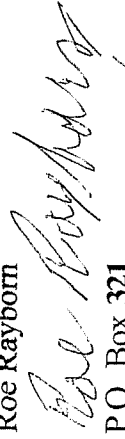
Back in the latter part of the year **1997** I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Barton A. Buhtz.

I had heard of him through mutual friends. Whom had informed me of his expertise and knowledge and just might have information I was looking for.

When I met Mr Buhtz I was struck by is knowledge and expertise. But most importantly his willingness to give with his knowledge and to help any one he could. He did not charge for his help. If anyone wanted to donate to him that was ok. But no matter he **was always** willing to help. He only had one caveat to tell any one, "I am not an attorney". You use what information I give at your own risk. That has always been what he told me any time I talked with him. I **am** sure he would tell that to everyone.

I have very High regards for Mr. **Buhtz** and hold him to be honest **and** very honorable in all his dealings with anyone.

Very truly Yours
Roe **Rayborn**



P.O. Box **321**
Morongo Valley, California.
[92256]

Jan. 7, 2008

From: Rev. Allen J. Bartlett
89115 Condon Ct. Rd.
Florence, OR 97439

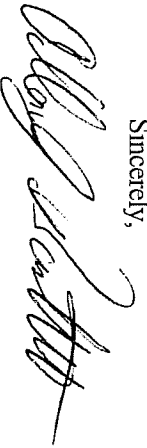
In commendation of Mr. Barton Bultz.

I am pleased to write a letter **concerning** the character of my **friend** Barton **Bultz**, I, being 81 years of age and having been engaged in Christian service over fifty years.

Having **known** Barton and his parents **from** many years, his participation in any **endeavor** which is unethical, illegal, or unconstitutional is inconceivable to me, and totally out of character for him.

His present occupation of helping individuals in their quest for financial security in **these** very **unsettled** economic times is most certainly a labor of Christian charity as he has no **set** fees and is **by** no means gaining great wealth **from** it.

Sincerely,



From the Desk of Jim Cavazos...

January 7, 2008

Judge Owen Panner
United States District Court
Medford Oregon
United States of America

Honorable Judge Panner:

I am writing to tell you what I know about a dearly beloved friend whose case you are currently presiding over. His name is Mr. Barton Buhtz. Since first talking with Mr. Buhtz some 5 years ago I have always known him to be a man of solid integrity and honesty.

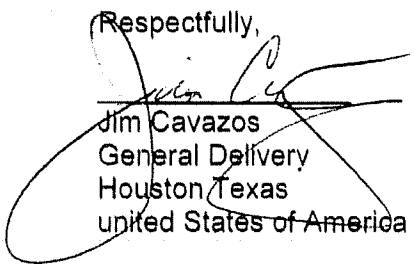
Few men that I have ever come across in my days have the conviction to truly stand up for what they truly believe in. Barton is one of those men. Since I have known Barton he has been ceaselessly engaged in a life of selfless service to his brothers and sisters across America sometimes to his own detriment.

I can speak from a vantage point of absolutely certainty when I say that I have rarely met a man like Barton who exudes actually living a principled life that so many talk about but few actually do. Barton does this on a daily basis.

Every time I have needed his help for any reason he has always been there for me. I cannot find a better definition of a friend anywhere. I can tell you that I and countless others have depended on him, his help, guidance, knowledge, wisdom and encouragement to make it through some difficult times in our lives and he has always been there.

Mainly for these reasons, (though I could go on for many more pages) I count myself blessed to know him and to be counted as a friend of his. It is my prayer that you will take the information that I have provided here under advisement and take into consideration the depth of character this man has while you preside over this case.

Respectfully,



Jim Cavazos
General Delivery
Houston Texas
United States of America

David Loren Cossak
C/o 12614 Tiara St.
Valley village, California
818 766 7364

January 5th, 2008

Judge Owen Panner
United States District Court
Medford, Oregon

Dear Judge Panner

I have known ~~Barton Buhtz~~ for many years. I met him at a time when I was struggling in my negotiations with a certain government agency and went to him for help in resolving a couple of issues diplomatically and without controversy. The help and advice he gave me did exactly that in which all parties were satisfied with the solutions that were agreed upon.

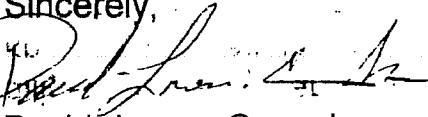
I have known Barton Buhtz to be a God loving man who has always acted with the highest of morals and integrity. He is a man who has selfishly devoted himself to God and those who needed help. I have found him to be extremely diligent in his research and facts in helping myself and others. I have never known him to act in such a way that could be remotely interpreted as deceitful or dishonorable. In fact he is one of the most honorable men I have ever met.

I, being a former Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, a former candidate for the California Legislature as well as a former Candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives am proud to stand by Barton Buhtz in support of this challenge to his integrity.

This is my affidavit of truth and do certify by my word the above statements are the truth. My word is my BOND.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

Sincerely,



David- Loren: Cossak.

January 25, 2008

Owen Panner
U.S. District Court Judge
Medford, Oregon

Dear Mr. Panner:

My name is Eric Broderson. I am writing to you in reference to my neighbor, colleague, and good friend, Barton Buhtz.

I have known Bart for six years, and we have become like brothers because of our shared interests in faith, family, community, and recreation.

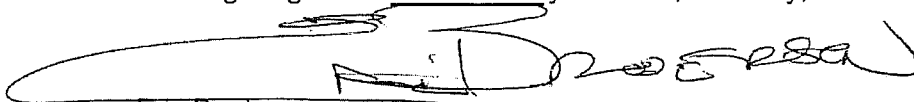
I believe with all my heart that Bart is a man of impeccable character. With respect to his many family, community, church, and personal responsibilities and challenges, Bart's virtues of honesty, self-discipline, hard work, sacrificial giving of time and resources, genuine kindness and humility, and sincere respect for his fellow man, precede his every word, all that he puts his hand to, and wherever his feet take him.

A man of his word, Bart says what he means, and means what he says. When necessary, Bart can be tough in his counsel to those who come to him for direction in various matters, but by nature, fortunately for all, he is motivated by compassion, grace and a love for the redemptive possibility in any difficult situation or circumstance.

Of all things worthy of man's praise, (academic achievement, duty as a U.S. Marine, career achievement, community involvement, and moral excellence) Bart's devotion to his family is front and center to his silent testimony amongst family, friends, and strangers alike. Adored by his wife, children, and grandchildren, Bart's loving, sacrificial investment in their lives has rewarded him, and those who know him, with huge dividends.

In closing, I presume that by now it is obvious to you that I highly value my friendship with Barton Buhtz. It is my sincere hope that the character of Bart, so often witnessed by members in his community here in California, are also witnessed by the court in Medford, Oregon.

With high regard and respect for your office, sincerely,



Eric Broderson

Barton A. Buhtz

c/o 8050 Le Berthon St – Sunland, California [91040]

January 21, 2008

The Honorable Judge Owen Panner
United States District Court
310 W. Sixth Street
Medford, Oregon 97501

Dear Judge Panner,

Just two weeks into January 1951 my dad, at 41 years of age, was managing a logging crew for Antone Haas in the timber forests of Northwest Oregon near Elsie. Lumberjacks had cut down trees, trimmed them and the Cat driver on the D-12 with an arch was picking up the logs to bring them to where the donkey would load them onto logging trucks. As it was described to our family dad was standing the prescribed distance away from the logging operation as the cat driver began to pull another log with the arch. However, he had not raised the butt end of the log high enough in the arch to clear the stump. Another logger was facing my dad and did not see the butt end of the log catch the stump and begin swinging like a long deadly gate. Without a moment's hesitation my dad rushed to the man and threw him out of the way as the log caught my dad and instantly crushed him. Tragically, the man whose life was spared never was able to come to terms that my father willingly gave his life to save him and he died some years later in a mental hospital.

Dad lived a life that can best be described as one who, when faced with a need, would do his best, without hesitation, to fulfill it. Was my dad wrong to act to save that man without a second thought? It was his pattern of life. My dad accepted people by their word. When he gave his word, he always kept it. When faced with a need that he could help with, he did so without hesitation.

Even as a young boy of ten my dad's life had left an indelible impression on me. I have lived my life responding to the needs of others. I do not seek out those in need to help, but when I have helped anyone who comes to me in a particular need they tell others and dozens more come to me to help them.

I take people at their word. The Lord has placed me in the position to learn facts that very few others seem to have been made privy to. When I receive information from one agency or official office I seek to verify with other sources. When someone comes to me for help I share what I have learned and verified. I take careful steps to make certain what I have learned is true and correct.

I do not seek out individuals to help. For those who come to me I make it clear when I share what I have learned that they are responsible for how they use this information and the need for each to verify it for himself.

I am learning some hard lessons. I live in a different world than the one my dad lived in. I am learning to be much more cautious in believing what people tell me. I can no longer be a simple, trusting individual who takes people at their word. It appears I can rarely take the word of anyone at face value. I am learning the only one who I can totally trust to be truthful is God Himself.

I am learning that it is not enough to simply share what I have been told. I am finding there are individuals who, if they do not like what I share...no matter how true it is, will attack the one who shared it.

As my dad lived his life I intend to continue to live my life in truth helping those who come to me with their needs. My prayer is that I would be like Paul, the Apostle, who said, "I have learned in whatever state I am therein to be content."

For both Beverly and myself our family roots and spiritual heritage go deep in northwest Oregon and western Washington. My parent's graves are in the Clatskanie Cemetery, our daughter, BeAnn, son in law and family live in the Tualatin Valley west of Portland. My sister, Roberta Bowman, lives in Gresham near her daughter, son in law, and family. Our niece, Candace Tompkins, and her husband, Mike, and sons live near Dayton, Oregon. In everything each of them has faced, I have seen in them that same deep faith and trust both our parents and grandparents instilled in us.

As the song writer put it, "I know not what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future..." For anything I may have done wrong my God has forgiven me. I trust you will do the same.

In the service of Christ,

Barton A. Buhtz