

F. Montgomery Brown
BROWNSCOTT, PLC
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Dear Mr. Montgomery

My name is Samuel Hecht; I am the Director of the Jewish society at Yale University called The Chai Society. In addition to my work on campus, I run a real estate company where I own and operate numerous properties throughout the state of Connecticut. I am writing to you today, to pledge a portion of my real estate assets for bail for Sholom Rubashkin.

I was surprised by the fact that he was denied bail under the assumption that he is a flight risk particularly to the state of Israel. I have known Shalom Rubashkin and his family for many years; he is a quality individual who cares deeply for his family, community and the justice system. I can assure you he is not a flight risk, but rather than just stating it with words, I am willing to pledge a significant portion of my net worth on that fact.

I am offering to pledge my equity stake in 5 properties for bail. Based on the underwriting criteria of the banks that hold the mortgage, the properties are worth \$10,000,000 and my equity stake in them is worth \$2,500,000. Please see attached exhibit for valuation.

I am a man with five kids and a wife to support; I would not put my family, my business and my employees at risk if I was not 100% certain that my assets would be safe. I would be happy to speak with you in great detail about Shalom and my willingness to pledge my assets on his behalf.

Sincerely,

Samuel Hecht
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