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Dear Judge Chutkan,

My name is Robert Palmer and I appeared before you on the 4th of October. I am one of the Capitol Riot people. A lot if not most of the defendants I have been incarcerated with would object to me saying that we were rioting. To be quite honest your honor if asked about it when it first happened in January I would have been able to be counted in that group. I have over the course of close to a year come to a different conclusion. Since then I realize that the meaning Trump supporters were lied to by those that at the time had great power meaning the then sitting President, as well as those acting on his behalf. They kept spitting out the false narrative about a stolen election and how it was "our duty" to stand up to tyranny. Little did I realize that they were the tyrannical ones desperate to hold on to power at any cost, even by creating the chaos they knew would happen with such rhetoric. For listening to them your honor let me offer please and I can only hope and pray it is accepted by this honorable court my most sincere and deepest apologies. I believe the apologies should go in this order. First to the brave men and women of the DC Police force, Capitol Police force and the National Guard and any other law enforcement agency who stood protecting the Capitol from the angry mob, and no one should question that it indeed was

a mob. Officers were hurt and some have paid a very high price. They are the real heroes of the day. The emotional as well as physical scars that some will carry for the remainder of their lives is a great tragedy and I wish with every fiber of my being that I could change it but I am powerless to. So first I want to apologize to the lawmakers who were carrying out their Constitutionally bound duties to certify what now turns out to be the legitimate will of the American people. That is one of the greatest and proudest traditions of our country is the peaceful transition of power and I am truly ashamed that I was part of a group that tried to circumvent that transition. Next I want to apologize to my family. My daughter Shannon who you will have the opportunity to hear from will be able to testify that only a week or so before the election her and her brother Bob Jr. were sitting on my sofa back home in Florida and she was talking about how scared she was that the then sitting president at the time would be re-elected. I told her all she could do was to make her choice and leave the rest in God's hands, and despite what will happen we are still the U.S.A. the greatest country in the world and we need to support whoever was in office. Judge Clinton, in the 33 years my daughter has been alive I have done my best to be someone she could be proud of. My actions after the election are so far removed from

that I am haunted by that night and day. How could I
tell my baby girl (and yes she is still my baby) one thing
and then do the exact opposite? It saddens me to my core.
I also would like to say also say to Shannon's twin sister Kate
who could not be here today because she is a married woman
and is back in Florida making out taking care of her family.
She has been affected by this as well knowing as Sharon does
that I went against all the things I taught her. I also want
to say about son Bruce who is a wonderful man who I
am extremely proud of. He is the kind of man that if he were not
my son I would be fortunate to have as a friend. The Lord has
blessed me to have him as both! And then your honor my youngest
son Michael who is graduating with honors from the University
of Florida this year. In case your honor does not know U.F. is a
very hard school to get into and it is only because of his outstanding
work in high school did he get in. Now your honor his father is
in all likelihood going to miss his graduation, your honor I
feel such deep remorse for this so much so it is hard for me to even
say. And lastly your honor I want to apologize to you.
I can not even imagine the weights on your shoulders as
you have to weigh what is a just outcome not only in my
case but in all the other cases that come before you. I pray that
when it is all weighed together you will see that this was a
one time event in my life which will never be repeated and
that I am worthy of that combination. In closing your
honor I would like to leave you with some good that
has come from this. I have been able to

to find out what the important things in life really are.
It is not the things I was pursuing prior to this time.
Now that most of my possessions have had to be sold off
in order to pay the financial costs associated with this all I am
left with are the people in my life the job has meant to be the
people like Jodi Feltch who has come to P.C. to support me and has
shown me unconditional love. Also my attorney Bryan Burbeck
who has walked me through this emotional time. He has even been so
kind as to meet with me on Facebook as has even had me to his home.
There are some other people who have turned their backs on
me but I have discovered they were not supposed to be in my
life anyway. In closing your home I am not sure if you
remember what you told me during our hearing on October 4th.
You said you did not know me but you were going to in the
10 weeks or so before our next meeting. I hope I was able to
let you know a tiny bit more about what Robert Palmer is.
He is much more than a Capital defendant. He is someone who is
remorseful for his actions who loves and is loved by his family.
Who loves the area and truly wishes he could take back his
actions on that horrible cold gray day in January. Thank
you your home.

Sincerely
Robert S. Durr