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Dear Mr. Mahaffey,

I hope this letter finds you well rested after a wonderful holiday season, and ready to fight for truth, justice, and the American way. There have been many changes in our lives, and we would like to share them with you so you can better understand our current motivations.

I'm sorry to say, Christmas 2009 was one of the worst we ever experienced. I think that Nadine and I were still carrying a lot of anger inside of us about the Nancy debacle, and we took it out on each other. Also, the financial hit we took with Nancy accelerated a long ongoing process of financial decline for us. Here is what happened:

We have been living above our means for many years now. This is not to say we have an extravagant lifestyle, we drive a Prius after all. But we do have two nice houses, one in Caughlin Ranch, and another in Mazatlan, Mexico. These houses, just by themselves, consumed a considerable amount of our income. Along with that, we have been supplementing Nadine's mother's income for the past six years or so. Then this year, Nadine's brother got divorced and had no place to live, so we let him live in our Reno house while we spent the year in Mazatlan. While he lived there, we also covered his expenses. Finally, Nadine's sister, who works in real estate, has come into hard times, and we have been partially supporting her as well.

The net result of all of this is that in September we realized that this lifestyle was not sustainable. Rather than cause pain and suffering to our family, we decided it was time to downsize, and simplify our lives. We decided to sell both of our houses, and move to the Lake Chapala area, where we knew we would have comfortable weather all year round. (We are a little spoiled, and dislike the cold Reno winters, and absolutely hate the incredibly hot and muggy Mazatlan summers.) We completed

the move in October, but it was extremely stressful, as you can imagine.

It would not be fair to blame Nancy for this turn of events, but the financial loss we incurred with her certainly brought this on more quickly. We would have probably had to do this anyway a couple of more years down the road.

A few days ago, we watched a show on TV entitled “The Scam of the Century, the Bernie Maddoff Story.” We watched in horror and great sadness as the Maddoff victims bared their pain in front of the camera. In many ways, what Maddoff did was worse than murder, for he ruined the lives of so many people. It would be silly to compare what happened to us to Maddoff’s victims, and yet in one sense what happened to us was worse. While Maddoff’s victims were devastated financially, none of them were under the illusion that Bernie was *part of their family*. Nancy took this one step further. She insinuated herself into our family. She perceived our weakness and exploited them. She was able to lie and deceive us over a period of years on a daily basis, while being intimate with us. This is something that even Maddoff was not capable of (I think.) In the photo above you see the three of us posing after a wonderful dinner at Roxy’s restaurant. It is a very telling photo, for it represents how she *got between us*, all the while lying and stealing from us.

Over the holidays, Nadine and I had a long heart to heart talk, and as a result of that, we are now starting to look forward rather than backwards. Once our houses have sold, we have some travel plans that we are looking forward to, and we will once again have financial security. It also turns out that we really love the Lake Chapala area, and do not regret making the move. We believe that 2010 will be the beginning of better times for us.

So, where does that leave our case with Nancy. At this point, we would much prefer resolution over restitution. If Nancy has treated her (biological) family 10% as badly as she has treated us, I am not surprised that they would be unwilling to step forward and bail her out. I think all she is doing now is stringing you (and us) along, and hoping this will all go away. I hope you will not permit that to happen. At this point, we wish you would just arrest her, proceed to trial, and get this lingering wound over with. We care more for justice, and that she not *get away with it*, than we do about the money we lost. Please consider bringing this matter to a conclusion as soon as possible, so we can move on completely and put this ugly chapter of our lives behind us.

Best wishes,

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