

December 17, 2025

Judge Matthew D'Emic
Kings County Supreme Court
320 Jay Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Judge D'Emic,

We are writing today as survivors, advocates from the Orthodox Jewish community, as well as secular victims services organizations across New York City, with one incredibly important timely ask: **do not vacate the sentencing of Nechemya Weberman and do not resentence him to time served.** Weberman is currently serving a 50-year sentence for repeatedly raping a child, and others.

Weberman is a threat to the Jewish community, where he will return if freed. He will be welcomed with open arms. He has not lost any friends or family because of his actions. In fact, he is emboldened. Since his conviction the community has continued to raise money for him, hold him forth as a falsely accused martyr, compare him to the biblical figure Joseph who was falsely accused of raping the wife of an Egyptian noble in the book of Genesis, and repeatedly publishing articles and interviews in support of Weberman in community publications.

He will continue to be an unlicensed therapist and see underaged patients whom he may rape. He has shown no remorse for his actions during his decade plus in prison. In fact, many in the Satmar community – a community of ultra-orthodox Hasidic Jews living mainly in Monroe and Williamsburg – have destroyed his victim's life both during and after the trial. They called her names, including the Grand Rebbe of Satmar in Monroe, Rabbi Aharon Teitelbaum, who called the victim a whore in an address to the community during the trial. They even raised \$500,000 to try to bribe her to leave the country without testifying, threatening her livelihood so much she left her home. We are positive if Weberman is freed these cruel tactics and victim blaming will start again. And that if he has any future victims they will face the same retaliation that this victim faced.

Freeing Weberman will also have a chilling effect on survivors everywhere. The average age for a survivor of child sex abuse to disclose is 52 years old – if they decide to share at all. Many fear their community won't believe them, suffer from shame, and even dissociate as a coping mechanism. Weberman's initial conviction showed survivors in the ultra-orthodox community that what happened to them mattered. The abuse they felt was real. It happened. If Weberman is released, the message survivors will receive from the district

attorney, and from this court, is that they should stay silent. And worse: it would signal to abusers that it's ok to continue their decades of abuse because even if they are caught – and well-connected – the DA will take up their cause, and they won't be held accountable.

We hope you'll consider our plea and keep Weberman behind bars. He is a risk to the community and survivors everywhere. This isn't a political decision. This is a moral one. Stand with survivors.

Thank you,

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