

To Judge Fall:

I am writing this letter in support of Ajay Dev and in appeal for a reversal of the judgment or a retrial of Ajay Dev's case.

As a friend of the Dev's of fifteen years, I witnessed the true character of Ajay Dev: the character of a sweet and gentle person who has helped friends, family members and strangers whenever someone presented himself in need. He literally can not hurt a fly, much less a human being, particularly not in the manner his accuser claims he has. I am a molestation victim. I had to go through a terrible process to get the person who hurt me pointed out. Nevertheless, he was cleared and I even had to walk into him one day. I am still suffering from this experience psychologically and emotionally and would do anything to prevent someone else from experiencing something of this nature. Similarly, I would fight to get anyone guilty of such a horrible crime exposed and behind bars. I would never stand behind a rapist.

On the other hand, as a victim of sexual abuse, I condemn any false accusation and see it as a slap in the face of any true victim when an innocent man is found guilty due to unfounded accusations from an inconsistent "witness". I know Ajay and I know that he has not done what the jury found him guilty of. For fifteen years, I have been walking in and out of his and his wife's house – announced and unannounced – and never ever had any reason to suspect him of committing anything of this horrible nature.

Quite contrary, Ajay Dev has always been a spokesperson for women, their rights and their betterment. He has always supported women who were reaching beyond society's constraints, here in the US and abroad. His accuser, as a prime example, was given supreme parental care, education, a cell phone, a car, vacations and the opportunity to go to any college and university of her liking. This was all done in an effort to offer her a much better future than she had to look forward to in her home country with her family and status.

Ajay Dev is innocent and I implore you reverse the decision reached by a not sufficiently informed jury or to retry Ajay Dev's case. In a civilized society, truth should prevail and justice has to be served in the end. Otherwise, in what world do we live in?

Sincerely,