DECLARATION OF JOAN FAYBIK

I, Joan Faybik, declare as follows:

1. My name is Joan Faybik. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and competent to make this declaration. The statements in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge and beliefs.

2. I make this declaration regarding matters related to the federal criminal case, (Case No. 5:20-cr-00063-1, Case No. 5:20-cr-00063-2). I understand that the government has referred to me as a "victim" in connection with this case, and I am providing this declaration to accurately state my own recollection.

3. I was, and I remain, personal friends with Doug Vance. My relationship with Mr. Vance has been friendly and voluntary.

4. To the best of my knowledge, I began investing funds with Doug Vance beginning on or around 2013 and my investments with him continued for several years.

5. No one, including Doug Vance or any other person, pressured, coerced, or forced me to invest funds with Doug Vance. My decision to invest was my own and was made voluntarily.

6. During my communications with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I spoke with FBI Special Agent Christopher Hubbuch, who I understood to be the lead FBI case agent assigned to this matter.

7. To the extent that any report, testimony, or characterization made by Special Agent Hubbuch that states or implies that I said I gave Doug Vance over $500,000 without any return on my investment is an inaccurate statement and does not accurately reflect what I told Special Agent Hubbuch.

8. Over the years, there was partial return on my investments with Doug Vance. The money returned to me was often re-invested in the company or at times were used to pay balances owed on credit cards that I willingly gave Doug Vance to use to pay for company expenditures. Because of this ongoing cycle, where I would invest money, receive returns, and then reinvest those returns, it became difficult to track the exact total amount I invested with Doug Vance.

9. I do not consider myself a victim or in any way tricked or conned by Doug Vance.

10. On more than one occasion, I communicated to Special Agent Hubbuch that I did not view myself as a victim.

11. On numerous occasions, I provided letters to the Court that were hand-written or on Victim Impact Statement sheets. On each of these letters, I repeatedly expressed that I did not

consider myself a victim. To the best of my knowledge, those letters were dated: 11/8/2022; 12/24/2022; 12/31/2022; 01/04/2023; and 09/24/2023.

12. It was my desire to testify in the trial proceeding or the evidentiary hearing at sentencing to set the record straight regarding my voluntary investments with Doug Vance. However, I was never called as a witness. Instead, Special Agent Hubbuch made mischaracterizations to the court at both proceedings erroneously referring to me as a "victim" of Doug Vance.

13. I have never met Molly McKinnon in person.

14. To my knowledge, I have never spoken with Molly McKinnon by telephone, email, text message, social media, or any other electronic means.

15. I did not receive, and therefore, did not rely on any company bank statements, company financial statements, or any documents pertaining to company sales from Doug Vance or Molly McKinnon before I decided to invest funds with Doug Vance.

16. In my interactions with Special Agent Hubbuch, I felt pressured and bullied to agree with his assessment that I was a "victim" of Doug Vance. Interactions with Agent Hubbuch were very contentious and evolved into heated arguments. I felt bullied to the point that I felt like I had to defend my investment decisions and my friendship with Doug Vance. Due to Agent Hubbuch's attempts to coerce me into changing my statement, I refused to have any further discussions with Agent Hubbuch and was instead interviewed by FBI Agents from Pennsylvania.

17. Special Agent Hubbuch repeatedly characterized me as a victim in conversations with me, and I felt pushed to adopt that characterization even though I did not agree with it.

18. I understand that Special Agent Hubbuch provided testimony, statements, reports, or summaries during the investigation and/or in court proceedings that described me as a victim that was tricked by Doug Vance into making investments. Agent Hubbuch's characterization of me as an unwitting victim is not an accurate reflection of my state of mind and my business relationship with Doug Vance, which I feel was a mutually agreed-upon investment partnership.

19. I am providing this declaration to state my recollection accurately and to correct the record regarding my relationship with Doug Vance, my investment decision relating to Doug Vance, and statements attributed to me by Agent Hubbuch.

20. I am submitting this declaration voluntarily and of my own free will for the purpose of providing truthful information to the Court.

21. I make this declaration with the understanding that it may be used in connection with related proceedings in this case or formal complaints to the Department of Justice regarding Special Agent Chris Hubbuch's behavior and statements he made under oath that he attributed to me.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct (or is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief).

Executed on this 11 day of February, 2026, at Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania.

Joan Faybik

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NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State: Pennsylvania
County: Westmoreland

On this 11 day of February, 2026, before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Joan Faybik, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification to be the person whose name is signed above, and acknowledged that she executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12/30/2028

Notary Seal:

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Westmoreland County
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