Dear Nialena,

Let me begin by saying how sorry I am to hear about Emmett. Needless to say I know how much he means to you. I was obviously unaware of his situation. However, am deeply sadden by it. I can only imagine how you must feel as well as the rest of his family.

I remember when he spoke of this lady who was going to begin working in his office. If I recall he spoke to my father first than he mentioned it to me. Honestly, I didn't know what to think about it besides the fact that two lawyers are better than one. I remember sitting with you in PICC in this large room with a bunch of seats. You were questioning me regarding some thing from the case. All I could remember thinking was I could care less about the death penalty if I were convicted. I know I mentioned something to that affect to you. And your response was so kind, thoughtful, and needed I was scared out of my mind and did not want to deal with the thought of losing my case with a life sentence or death sentence.

Emmett means many things to many people but to me he stands for a caring, hardworking, honorable, respectable, forward thinker, as well as mentor to my mentor. I remember reading one of John Maxwell's books and he mentions that one of the signs of a great leader is investing in other people and obviously "THE CAPTAIN" has done and continues to do this with you. And in turn you have invested in a lost kid that has changed his life in no small part because of a wonderfully special lady who took an interest and invested in him.

I am forever thankful to Emmett and his amazing awareness to choose such a person to continue his legacy.

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