IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON,)))
Plaintiff,)
v.)
U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION))
Defendant.)

Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-01836-APM

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to this Court's Minute Order dated November 8, 2017, the parties file this Joint Status Report. Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) brought the above-captioned matter under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") to challenge the Small Business Administration ("SBA")'s denial of CREW's request for a fee waiver and the SBA's failure to produce the documents CREW has requested under the FOIA.

Following conference between the parties, the SBA dropped its objection to CREW's fee waiver request and agreed to produce the requested documents. To date, SBA has produced documents responsive to two of the three categories requested by CREW. Counsel for SBA has informed CREW that the SBA is currently reviewing the final category of documents and plans to produce those within two weeks.

Accordingly, the parties request that they be permitted to file a status report on or

before January 12, 2018 to inform the Court of any matters that remain unresolved at that

time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on December 19, 2017, I caused the Joint Status Report to be served by filing the same with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia via the Court's CM/ECF system.

> <u>/s/ Laura C. Beckerman</u> Laura C. Beckerman