## 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 December 21, 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 parties agreed not to litigate the fee waiver issue and SBA agreed to produce the requested documents without a fee. To date, SBA has produced documents responsive to each of the three categories requested by CREW. Counsel for the parties are now in active discussions to resolve this matter, but were unable to conclude those discussions this week.

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

before January 26, 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 January 12, 2018, 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