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 Order (Dkt. 10), the parties file this Joint Status Report. Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) brought the abovecaptioned matter under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") to challenge the Small Business Administration (SBA)'s denial of its request for a fee waiver and the SBA's failure to produce the documents CREW has requested under the FOIA.

The parties have conferred several times regarding the status of this case, and counsel for the SBA has informed counsel for CREW that the SBA needs additional time to determine whether it will reconsider its position and grant CREW's fee waiver request. Should the SBA decide to grant CREW's fee waiver request, the next step would be to establish a document production schedule. However, should SBA continue its refusal to grant a fee waiver, CREW will move for partial summary judgment on this issue.

Resolving whether SBA will continue to deny CREW's fee waiver is crucial to determining the next steps in this case. Accordingly, the parties request that the Court grant a one-week extension to file a Joint Status Report that will either propose a

production schedule or a briefing schedule and address the specific points listed in this

Court's Order (Dkt. 10).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, on October 30, 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