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## VIA FACSIMILE

The Honorable Joseph C. Spero United States District Court, Northern District Courtroom A , 15th Floor 450 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: PATRICK McCOLLUM, ET AL. v. CDCR, ET AL. United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. C 04-3339 CRB

Dear Judge Spero:

On behalf of the defendant California State Personnel Board, for the settlement conference on 21 Apr 2009, we request that the SPB client representative be allowed to be on telephone standby, rather than appearing in person. The SPB is at most a minor figure in this action, and due to staffing shortages it would be a significant hardship for an SPB staff counsel to be present at the conference.

Sincerely,

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