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The Parties to this action hereby agree to the following regarding the redaction of the names and identifying characteristics of certain class members and third parties in this litigation with respect to proposed trial materials, to protect privacy as permitted by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2(e). WHEREAS:

Some Plaintiff class members are seeking or have sought relief or protection from removal based on fear of persecution and in their home countries or based on other grounds that could subject them to retaliation here or abroad;

Plaintiff class members seeking relief or protection may have privacy interests arising from statute or regulatory guidance. See, e.g., 8 U.S.C. § 1367(a)(2); 8 C.F.R. §§ 208.6, 1208.6 (regulations protecting an asylum-seeker's right to confidentiality);

Plaintiffs seek to present class members' testimony at trial, and the parties contemplate the use of exhibits identifying class members and their relations, including testimony and exhibits that may include references to statutorily protected claims for relief or sensitive facts that create concern regarding harassment and retaliation;

The Parties agree that protecting Plaintiff class members from potential harm related to disclosure of their identities and the subject matter of their immigration cases can be achieved without prejudice to Defendants by (1) redacting the names and other identifying information of non-named class members and their relations from exhibits and (2) substituting initials of class member witnesses' full names in the parties' briefs, exhibits, and other references to testifying class members during trial; and

The Parties recognize that the Court and testifying witnesses would be aided in their ability to interpret exhibits if unredacted copies of proposed trial exhibits are made available for use at trial; only the redacted versions of the exhibits, however, would be published to the courtroom or entered into the public record in light of the privacy concerns noted above.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties stipulate that:

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