## TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Former U.S. Government Officials respectfully move for leave to file the attached brief as *amici curiae* in the above-captioned matter, in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. *Amici* are listed in the Appendix to the attached brief. Counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants have consented to *Amici*'s proposed filing.

## STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND ARGUMENT

Amici curiae are sixty-two former officials in the U.S. government who have worked on national security and homeland security issues from the White House as well as agencies across the Executive Branch. They have served in senior leadership roles in administrations of both major political parties, and collectively they have devoted a great many decades to protecting the security interests of the United States. They have held the highest security clearances, and participated in the highest levels of policy deliberations on a broad range of issues. These include: immigration, border security, counterterrorism, military operations, and our nation's relationship with other countries, including those south of the U.S. border.

Amici respectfully submit this brief because, in their professional opinion, there is no factual basis for the declaration of a national emergency for the purpose of circumventing the appropriations process and reprogramming billions of dollars in funding to construct a wall at the southern border, as directed by the Presidential Proclamation of February 15, 2019. Amici submit that their brief will be helpful to the Court, given Amici's unique and directly relevant perspective of having lived and worked through national emergencies across Presidential administrations over a period of decades. The points in this brief are an updated version of those in a declaration that most of the amici joined and that was submitted into the Congressional Record on February 25, 2019.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the Consent Motion should be granted, and *Amici*'s attached memorandum should be filed with the Court.

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