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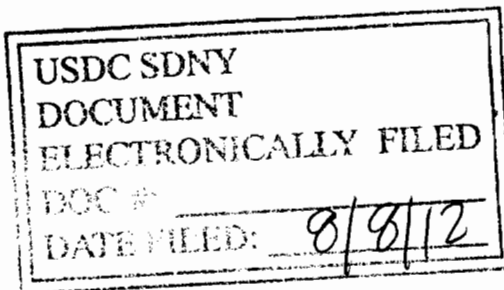
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BY HAND

Judge Barbara S. Jones
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Windsor v. United States, 10 Civ. 8435 (BSJ) (JCF)

Dear Judge Jones:

We represent plaintiff, Edith Windsor, in the above-captioned matter. As Your Honor is aware, two dispositive motions are pending in this case, plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group's motion to dismiss.

We write to inform Your Honor of some recent developments concerning Edith Windsor's health. As you know, Ms. Windsor is 82 years old and suffers from a serious heart condition. In recent months she has been experiencing a severe allergic reaction which her doctors have been unable to diagnose with precision. Because of Ms. Windsor's heart condition, she is limited in what medications she can take to alleviate the symptoms. As a result, plaintiff has been confined to her apartment for large periods of time during the past months and her medical condition is obviously not good.

We write to inform Your Honor of these developments to the extent that plaintiff's health has any bearing on the timing of the Court's consideration of the pending motions. We are, of course, acutely aware of the press of work facing the Court, and raise these issues simply in an effort to ensure that the Court has all potentially relevant information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberta A. Kaplan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roberta A. Kaplan

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