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Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer United States District Judge United States District Court, S.D.N.Y. 500 Pearl Street, Room 670 Courtroom 18C New York, NY 10007 (212) 805-4893

MEMO ENDORSED

Re: <u>Lebewohl, 2nd Ave Deli v. Heart Attack Grill, LLC., HAG, LLC, and Jon Basso</u> U.S. District Court, S.D. New York, Case No. 11-CIV-3153-PAE-JCF Our Ref.: 5087-23

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

We represent Defendants, Heart Attack Grill, LLC., HAG, LLC, and Jon Basso, in this case. The above captioned case was recently transferred to you. Subsequently, you scheduled a conference to be held for Tuesday October 25, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in your courtroom. The undersigned counsel requests that he be permitted to attend the <u>conference by telephone</u>. It is burdensome to travel to New York for a 20 minute status conference hearing. Travel from South Florida requires approximately four hours of flying and ground transportation each way. As a result, the undersigned will devote a full business day for a 20 minute hearing. Opposing counsel was contacted prior to the submission of this request, and agrees to allow the undersigned to appear by telephone.

Additionally, the undersigned has another previously scheduled special set evidentiary hearing in another case in South Florida that day at 11:00 a.m. The other hearing was <u>set in June</u> of this year and rescheduling may be difficult because our client is not the movant on that case.

As you requested in your Order (Dkt. 22) the parties will be submitting a detailed status report, five days prior to the hearing (October 20). The undersigned will be fully prepared and capable of answering any questions or concerns that the Court may have regarding this case.

If a personal appearance is required, we request a continuance of this hearing.

October 13, 2011 Page 2 Sincerely, RCK/cjp Robert C. Kain, Jr. encl. for the Firm

cc: William Chuang, Esq. via email

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Counsel for the Defendants may appear at the October 25, 2011 conference by telephone.

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