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Honorable Paul A. Crotty United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Chambers 1350 New York, NY 10007

> Re: Upsolve, Inc., et al. v. Letitia James, Attorney General of New York

> > Case No. 1:22-cv-00627-PAC **Pre-Motion Conference Request**

Dear Judge Crotty:

In accordance with Your Honor's Individual Rules of Practice, we respectfully submit this pre-motion conference request on behalf of amicus curiae Institute for Justice.

The Institute for Justice seeks leave to file an amicus brief in support of Plaintiffs' pending motion for preliminary injunction. The Institute is a nonprofit, public-interest law firm dedicated to defending the foundations of a free society. As part of its mission to defend freedom of speech, the Institute has challenged laws across the country that regulate a wide array of occupational speech, including teletherapy, psychological advice, dietary advice, and veterinary advice. Counsel for the Institute have also published extensively on the First Amendment status of occupational speech. The Institute believes that its experience will help the Court understand

¹ See, e.g., Paul Sherman, Occupational Speech & the First Amendment, 128 Harv. L. Rev. Forum 183 (Mar. 2015), available at https://harvardlawreview.org/2015/03/occupational-speech-and-the-firstamendment/; Robert McNamara & Paul Sherman, NIFLA v. Becerra: A Seismic Decision Protecting Occupational Speech, 2018 Cato Sup. Ct. Rev. 197 (2017-18), available at https://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/serials/files/supreme-court-review/2018/9/2018-cato-supreme-

court-review-8.pdf; Paul Sherman & Robert McNamara, Censorship in Your Doctor's Office, N.Y. Times (Aug. 2, 2014) at 17, available at https://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/02/opinion/censorship-in-yourdoctors-office.html.

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how the Supreme Court's most recent case law applies to the First Amendment issues raised in this case, the wider repercussions of this case, and the importance of granting the Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction.

Plaintiffs' counsel has indicated that Plaintiffs consent to the filing of this amicus brief, while Defendant's counsel has indicated that Defendant takes no position.

Respectfully submitted,

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