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The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas United States District Judge The Honorable Charles L. Brieant, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, New York 10601-4150

> Re: <u>Scott Morehouse v. Martin Vasquez, et al.</u> USDC SDNY Civil No. 17 CV 4836 (KMK)

Dear Judge Karas:

On behalf of all parties, I write to request an adjournment of the upcoming status conference in this case, which is currently scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

I am pleased to report that the parties have had constructive settlement discussions and are moving forward in the settlement process. On Friday, April 17, 2020, counsel for defendants and Mr. Morehouse spoke by telephone, and Mr. Morehouse made a monetary demand of defendants to settle the case. On the basis of that conversation, I have initiated the process of obtaining authority from the New York State Attorney General's Office to settle the matter. I am cautiously optimistic that the parties can resolve this matter without further litigation, but this office needs some additional time to review and to decide upon the matter.

Today, counsel for defendants discussed this by telephone with Mr. Morehouse and all parties agreed to request that the Court grant an adjournment of the status conference. Accordingly, with the consent of all parties, I respectfully request a sixty (60) day adjournment of the status conference, which should permit the parties to make substantial progress in the settlement process. I will, of course, keep the Court apprised of developments. If this meets with the Court's approval, the parties request that the Court "so order" it.

The parties thank the Court for its time and attention to this matter.

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Granted. The Court will give the Parties 30 days to see if a settlement can be reached. The Parties are to report to the Court by June 6, 2020 of their progress. The 5/8/20 conference is adjourned without date, for now.

So Ordered.

5/6/20

cc: Scott Morehouse Sean M. O'Brien Respectfully submitted,

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