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Frederick Hill, Chairperson Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street NW Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Appeal No. 20183 - 2500 14th Street NW

Square 2662; Lot 205 – Preliminary Motion to Dismiss and to Request

Postponement of the Hearing on the Merits

Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board:

As undersigned counsel for the Department of General Services ("DGS"), we enter our appearance in the above-referenced appeal. Our Agent Authorization is attached at <u>Tab A</u>. On behalf of DGS,¹ agent for the owner of the property located at 2500 14th Street NW (Square 2662, Lot 205), the subject property of the above-referenced appeal we submit our appearance and two preliminary motions.

Attached hereto, please find a preliminary motion to dismiss for untimeliness and request to postponement the hearing on the merits. DGS submits Form 150 and the accompanying narrative are attached hereto at <u>Tab B</u>.

We respectfully request that the motion to dismiss be heard at the public hearing scheduled for January 29, 2020 and that the hearing on the merits currently scheduled for January 29, 2020 be postponed at least 15-30 days. Laura Zeilinger, the Director of the Department of Human Services, will be at a D.C. Council Oversight Hearing for her agency on January 29, 2020. Ms. Zeilinger's testimony maybe relevant on the merits of this appeal before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, if the Board deems such hearing necessary. Further, undersigned counsel was hired by DGS on January 22, 2020 to represent them in this matter and requires additional time to prepare for the hearing on the merits.

This request for a short postponement of the hearing on the merits is thus reasonable, for good cause, and will not prejudice any party.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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¹ DGS is agent of the District of Columbia, the record owner of the Property.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 23rd day of January, 2020 a copy of the foregoing Cover Letter with attachments was served, via electronic mail, on the following:

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