

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	)	
	)	<b>Case No. 21-cr-52 (TJK)</b>
<b>v.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>WILLIAM PEPE,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	

**DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM PREJUDICIAL JOINDER**

Defendant, William Pepe (“Mr. Pepe”), by and through his counsel, tenders this motion for relief from prejudicial joinder because Mr. Pepe is improperly joined with co-defendants with whom he barely knows, and who’s charges are significantly likely to have a “spill over” effect on Mr. Pepe’s trial, impacting his right to an impartial jury. Severing codefendants is appropriate where it appears that a defendant is prejudiced by a joinder of defenses or of defendants in an indictment by such joinder for trial together, the Court may grant a severance of defendants or provide whatever other relief justice requires. Federal Rules of Crim. Pro. 14(a). A memorandum in support is being simultaneously submitted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on May 11, 2021, the forgoing document was filed via the Court's electronic filing system, which constitutes service upon all counsel of record.

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