IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CR NO. 21-MJ-00033

PETER HARDING,

Defendant.

<u>CONSENT MOTION TO CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE AND EXCLUDE TIME</u> <u>UNDER THE SPEEDY TRIAL ACT</u>

The United States, through undersigned counsel, hereby files this motion to adjourn the status conference set for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, in the above-captioned matter, for approximately 30 days, until Thursday, March 16, 2023. Defense counsel concurs in this motion. The parties request the additional time to engage in plea negotiations and review pre-discovery productions.

The parties request that the Court exclude the time from February 14. 2023, until the next status conference, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161 *et seq.*, on the basis that the ends of justice served by taking such actions outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial pursuant to the factors described in 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 7th day of February, a copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record for the defendant via the Court's Electronic Filing System.

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