UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSIAH HUESO,

Case No. 22-cr-225 (CRC)

Defendant.

MOTION TO CONVERT IN-PERSON HEARING TO VIDEO CONFERENCE

Mr. Josiah Hueso currently has a plea hearing scheduled for May 1, 2023.

The hearing is scheduled to be conducted in person. Mr. Hueso, through counsel, respectfully requests the Court convert the hearing to a video conference. The Government has represented that there is no objection to this request.

The agreement proposed by the Government is to a plea of guilty to Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(G), a misdemeanor offense. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 43(b), the Court may conduct a plea hearing by video conference when "[t]he offense is punishable by fine or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and with the defendant's written consent. . . ." Indeed, the Court may conduct the hearing "in the defendant's absence." *Id*.

Having discussed with counsel his right to be present at all hearings, Mr. Hueso consents to conducting the May 1 plea hearing by video conference.

In light of Rule 43 and given the continued risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and that an in-person hearing would require extensive travel across the country for Mr. Hueso, he respectfully request the Court grant this motion and convert the plea hearing to a video conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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