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BY ECF

Honorable Rudolph Contreras United States District Judge United States Courthouse 333 Constitution Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

Re:

United States v. Katelyn Bartow

Case No. 22-cr-358-RC

Dear Judge Contreras:

I am writing as to release of Ms. Bartow's passport. As the Court is aware, Ms. Bartow will be traveling to Jamaica for the wedding of close friends, in which her husband and son are participants. The Court granted her request to travel, with no opposition from the Government. ECF Documents Nos. 28 & 29. It also required that upon her return from Jamaica, that she resurrender the passport to Pretrial Services by June 12, 2023. Minute Entry dated April 21, 2023. To recall, when Ms. Bartow was originally arrested in this case in the Northern District of New York, she surrendered her passport, which was then transmitted to the Clerk's office in the District of Columbia.

On May 5, 2023, I was contacted by a pre-trial services officer in the District of Columbia, who informed me that the clerk's office would not return Ms. Bartow's passport to the pre-trial services agency in the District of Columbia. Instead, the Clerk's office requires an order from the Court directing it to mail Ms. Bartow's passport to the Clerk's office in the Northern District of New York, where Ms. Bartow would pick it up directly prior to her scheduled travel beginning at the end of this month. Accordingly, I am attaching a proposed order for the Court to approve per the directive from the Clerk's Office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy B. Sporn

cc: Counsel of Record