



Advocates for Workplace Fairness

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The Honorable Frank Maas
United States Magistrate Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
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Re: *Houser et al. v. Pritzker*, No. 10 Civ. 3105 (FM)

Dear Judge Maas:

We represent Plaintiffs in the above-referenced matter. We write jointly with Defendant to provide the Court with a status update regarding the parties' mediation efforts.

The parties have concluded their negotiations and reached an agreement that is subject to Department of Justice ("DOJ") review and approval. The Government is taking the necessary steps to seek DOJ approval of the proposed agreement as promptly as it can. That process requires a series of reviews and approval, ultimately, by the Associate Attorney General.

The parties respectfully suggest that a further status update will be unnecessary if DOJ approves the agreement and a motion for preliminary approval of the settlement is filed with the Court by the beginning of March 2016. If the motion is not filed by then, with the Court's approval, the parties propose to provide a further update to the Court on March 16, 2016. We thank the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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