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

KNIGHT FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION

Plaintiffs

v.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE et al.

Defendants

Civil Action No. 18-1129 (EGS)

**DECLARATION OF ALEX ABDO**

I, Alex Abdo, a member of the Bar of the State of New York, declare under penalty of perjury as follows. I am an attorney with the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, and I represent the plaintiffs in this matter. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of Motion for a Processing Schedule or, in the Alternative, a Status Conference. Attached to this declaration are true and correct copies of the following documents:

DHS Response Letter (June 3, 2019)..... A

Email from Knight Institute to Counsel for Defendants (Aug. 31, 2018)..... B

Email from Knight Institute to Counsel for Defendants (May 18, 2018) ..... C

Dated: June 13, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Alex Abdo*
Alex Abdo