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VIA NYSCEF

Mr. David Cardona Chief Clerk Supreme Court, Albany County Albany County Courthouse, Room 102 16 Eagle Street Albany, NY 12207-1077

Re: Assignment to Justice Gerald W. Connolly of *The Plaintiff Class Certified in Hurrell-Harring, et al. v. State of New York, et al. v. State of New York, et al.*

Dear Mr. Cardona:

Felicello Law P.C., Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, and the New York Civil Liberties Union Foundation represent the Plaintiff in the above-captioned action, which we commenced today by summons and complaint. On behalf of Plaintiff, we respectfully request that this action be assigned to the Honorable Justice Gerald W. Connolly. This is an action to enforce the Stipulation and Order of Settlement ("Settlement Order") in *Hurrell-Harring, et al.*, v. State of New York, et al., Index No. 8866-07, which Justice Connolly reviewed, approved, and entered on March 11, 2015. We are concurrently filing an RJI to relate this action to the prior case before Justice Connolly.

We understand that Justice Connolly has been appointed to the position of district administrative judge, which has impacted his docket. Because this action relates to a Settlement Order entered by Justice Connolly, we believe that assigning it to him would promote the interests of judicial efficiency.

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Respectfully submitted,

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