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Honorable Mary C. Jacobson, A.J.S.C. New Criminal Courthouse 400 S. Warren Street, 4th Floor Trenton, NJ 08650

Re: Latino Action Network, et al. v. State of New Jersey, et al. Docket No. MER-L-001076-18

Dear Judge Jacobsen:

Please accept this letter in lieu of more formal status report in the above-captioned matter, as required by the Court in Your Honor's Case Management Order of January 8, 2019.

After participating in discussions with representatives of the State for several months, Plaintiffs have determined that progress toward a solution to New Jersey's school segregation problem has not been sufficient to justify continued discussions at this time. Accordingly, at this time, Plaintiffs have determined that, in order to conclude this matter, whether through litigation or settlement, they require a judgment as to liability. To that end, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court vacate the current stay of this matter, require the State to answer the Complaint, and set a status conference at which the course of future proceedings can be determined.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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