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> The Honorable Paul S. Diamond United States District Judge Eastern District of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA 19106

> > Re: Stein v. Cortes, No. 2:16-CV-6287-PD

Your Honor:

We write on behalf of Plaintiffs in response to the Court's December 8, 2017 Order directing the parties to file briefs concerning mootness. There is no reason we are aware of to believe this case is moot. To the extent Defendants claim that it is, Plaintiffs should be given an opportunity to respond.

"A case becomes moot . . . only when it is impossible for a court to grant any effectual relief whatever to the prevailing party." *Campbell-Ewald v. Gomez*, 136 S. Ct. 663, 669 (2016) (quotation marks omitted). Plaintiffs are unaware of any recent event that would make it impossible for the Court to grant any, let alone all, of Plaintiffs' requested relief.

If Defendants file a brief arguing that some intervening development has mooted this case, Plaintiffs respectfully request that they be given two weeks to respond.

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