UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

Defendant.

Case No.: 1:25-cv-01694-TSC

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's May 21, 2026 Minute Order, Plaintiffs District of Columbia Council of the Blind, Qudsiya Naqui, Kevin Andrews, Gerald Barnes, Ray Smith, and Claire Stanley and Defendant District of Columbia (collectively, "the Parties") file this Joint Status Report to update the Court on the status of mediation. *See* May 21, 2026 Min. Ord. Since that Order, the Parties have remained engaged in productive settlement discussions, including exchanging information and engaging in two mediation sessions on June 12, 2026 and June 23, 2026, and mediation is ongoing. As this Court ordered, the Parties will file a joint status report on or before October 19, 2026, to update the Court on the status of ongoing negotiations and whether they believe a further extension of the stay at that point would be warranted. *Id.*

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