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SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO (212) 805-7946
The Honorable Richard J. Sullivan, District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United
States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007-1312

RE: Trust Fund Limited Inmate Computer System (TRULINCS) Email Filter

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I write to follow up on our June 20, 2017 conversation regarding the internal guidance issued by the Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") as to the TRULINCS Email Filter. Specifically, Regional Counsel Michael D. Tafelski and I advised we would provide you information you could share with your fellow judges and the various constituents of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. We respectfully outline the guidance below.

TRULINCS has been updated to allow BOP staff to filter out specific emails when conducting a search of an inmate's email activity. This feature does not affect the Bureau of Prisons' authority, or an institution's ability to monitor all email exchanges. Individuals in the community, including attorneys, consent to having all emails, to and from an inmate, monitored and retained when he or she accepts the initial system-generated notification that an inmate wishes to add him or her to the inmate's contacts list and then proceeds to email with the inmate.

The addition to the search functions on TRULINCS allows BOP staff to filter out and to produce emails for law enforcement while excluding specific email addresses from the requested search, including emails belonging to attorneys. The requesting law enforcement officials will be expected to provide the specific, correct email address that is to be excluded from the search. BOP staff will not be expected to determine or verify the email address provided by the requesting law enforcement official. In addition, the requesting law enforcement entities will be responsible for verifying that no emails from the attorney were included in the production. This filter should be available locally in the near future.

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Thank you for your time, patience and consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (646) 836-6455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Adam M. Johnson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Adam M. Johnson
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