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February 14, 2017

Defendant: Cesar Morales
Case Number: 2017-CF3-15439
Sentencing Date: April, 4th 2018

Re: Community Impact Statement on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A

To the Honorable Judge Jennifer DiToro:

We are writing to share the sense of frustration and concern expressed by a great number of community members represented in our Single Member Districts (SMDs) who were affected by Mr. Morales's crimes last August, when he shot at a man running down the escalator of the Columbia Heights metro station in the middle of the day. The scope of this incident has broad impact across numerous SMDs including those directly surrounding the metro station and the area to which the defendant later fled. Because of this, our Commission would like to submit a Community Impact Statement on behalf of all of our residents.

While the numbers of reported violent crimes committed our SMDs are, thankfully, equal to or lower than numbers committed in previous years, Mr Morales's crimes were particularly disturbing. Residents were not only caught off-guard at the timing and location of the incident – a weekday afternoon in one of our community's most open and trafficked public spaces - but many were left with the realization that only by luck, this incident did not result in any collateral damage or fatalities. The defendant fired blindly down a dark escalator without regard or concern for the safety of those around him. The number of bystanders that could have been injured or killed if the shooting had happened hours later during school release or rush hour traffic is a sobering and terrifying thought for many.

The Columbia Heights metro station – where the defendant shot at a man, completely ignoring the grave danger he posed to bystanders that could have been simply riding up the escalator – is an essential transportation and commercial hub in the District; the surrounding neighborhood is home to dense residential housing and numerous schools serving students that often rely on public transportation at and near where the shooting took place. When the defendant fled to a nearby area he, again, created a dangerous situation for members of our community. Residents were forced to stay in their homes while they waited for the dozens of officers, all with weapons drawn, to apprehend Mr. Morales. Not knowing how the situation would unfold and whether there would be an exchange of gun fire, the neighborhood was ostensibly on lock-down and in fear.

We ask that you take these concerns, along with the safety of our community's students, workers, and residents--and the defendant's previous violent crimes in our neighborhood--under consideration when determining a just and responsible sentencing that will protect our neighborhood for as long as possible.

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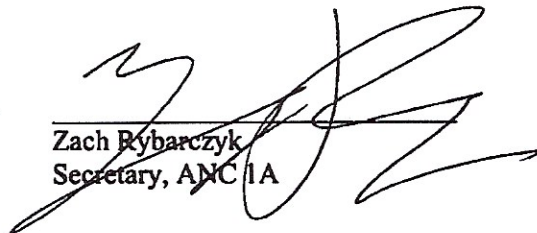
After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 9 present at its February 14, 2018 meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A voted, with 9 Yeas, 0 Nos and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above letter.

Respectfully,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A



Kent C. Boese
Chairperson, ANC 1A



Zach Rybarczyk
Secretary, ANC 1A