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Date: 10/3/2016 3:23:49 PM
Subject: RE: Exchange Press Releases?

Tony – So there is no joint release? Two separate releases? I thought somewhere along the way it was joint, but as we are just exchanging the Governor's name is not indicated anywhere.

I don't think the Governor needs to issue a press release, but perhaps we need to have a statement prepared in advance.

I will have our press staff check in with Karen, but thought I would confirm the above with you.

Richele

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Subject: RE: Exchange Press Releases?

Dear Matthew,

Please find attached DSS's press release as well as an outline of the anticipated remarks by Director Alford.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

With warm regards,

Tony

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Good morning,

I have attached our draft press release for tomorrow. It is written two ways—one if he rules from the bench, and one if he takes it under advisement. We will only send one version tomorrow.

Please send us some description of what the Director intends to say tomorrow in addressing the Court in the open hearing.

Thanks and look forward to seeing you in Chambers at 9:45 am tomorrow,
Matthew

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Matthew,

I don't think we are going to have our press release finalized before Monday—would Monday still suit you all for exchange? I'll get you at least a summary description of the Director's anticipated comments as well.

Quick question: Do Plaintiffs plan on having a press conference or any other press engagement other than a release?

With warm regards,

Tony

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Yes, and thank you for asking. We would be happy to--what about by Friday? It will likely be similar to the last one around the preliminary approval hearing. On another issue, is there anything we need to be prepared for regarding the Director's comments that she will make at the hearing? We look forward to getting past this final litigation hurdle, so please do not hesitate to let us know anything that can make smoothly. Thanks, Matthew

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Dear Matthew,

Hope all is well with you. The question has arisen whether Plaintiffs would be amenable to exchanging press releases for comment prior to the hearing next week, as we did last time when the settlement agreement was filed. Please let us know once you've had an opportunity to discuss.

With warm regards,

Tony

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