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Hon. Kathleen Blatz
Special Master
c/o Christopher Channing
Ramsey County District Court
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
St. Paul, MN 55102

Re: In Re Temporary Funding of Core Functions of the Executive Branch of the State of Minnesota, Court File No. 62-CV-11-5203

Dear Special Master Blatz:

Hennepin County is withdrawing its request for a hearing, which had been scheduled for July 7 at 9:00 a.m. At the Thursday hearing, Hennepin County had planned to highlight some of the services that it believes should be funded under Judge Gearin's order and that are critical to Hennepin County and its residents. However, Hennepin County has been monitoring the Special Master hearings over the past several days and at this point, we believe most if not all of these critical service issues have been raised adequately by other petitioners.

Specifically, the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Minnesota Inter-County Association raised the issues impacting all 87 counties in Minnesota that we believe should be funded. Hennepin County joins the requests of the Association of Minnesota Counties and the Minnesota Inter-County Association and does not intend to burden the Court by repeating the arguments made by those organizations.

Accordingly, because issues that Hennepin County planned to raise have already been raised by others, we are cancelling our hearing. Hennepin County plans to review the Court's decisions as they are made. If new or different issues arise, Hennepin County will seek to be heard at that time. Of course, Hennepin County is willing to appear before you if there is any additional factual information that you believe is necessary for your decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael O. Freeman", written over a horizontal line.

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