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**VIA EFS**

The Honorable Kevin Eide  
Judge of the District Court  
Carver County Justice Center  
604 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Chaska, MN 55318

Re: In re the Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson  
**Court File No. 10-PR-16-46**

Dear Judge Eide:

Please accept this letter as an informal, emergency petition regarding the safety of the Vault's contents, currently in Hollywood, California. As I'm sure you're aware, Los Angeles is experiencing an unprecedented series of uncontrolled wildfires that continue to expand, threatening substantial loss of property and lives. (*See* <http://www.cnn.com/2017/12/08/us/california-wildfires/index.html>). Just this morning, a state of emergency was declared so that federal assistance can be directed to the area. These fires, particularly the Skirball fire (*See* <http://www.lafd.org/news/skirball-fire-update>) and the Creek fire (*See* [http://www.fire.ca.gov/current\\_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1923](http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1923)), are not yet controlled and are very close to Hollywood. I raise these issues because my clients are deeply concerned about the safety of the Vault, which we understand is at Iron Mountain's Hollywood facility. Unfortunately, my clients have almost no information regarding the actual location of the Vault or its physical safety protocols.

My clients are therefore compelled to bring this emergency petition to have the Court order that the contents of the Vault be immediately moved from the Los Angeles area to a more secure facility. Obviously, based on the parties' respective pleadings, the Court is well aware of the security at Paisley Park, a facility owned by the Estate. If the Court grants this petition, my clients urge the Court to direct Comerica to return the Vault's contents to Paisley Park. Time may be of the essence with regards to these fires, and the contents of the Vault obviously are irreplaceable. Thus, my clients respectfully request that the Court immediately order the Vault's contents moved from Los Angeles back to Paisley Park.

Sincerely,  
**SKOLNICK & JOYCE, P.A.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William R. Skolnick', written in a cursive style.

William R. Skolnick

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Cc: Clients (via Email)