UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS 219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

CHAMBERS OF REBECCA R PALLMEYER CHIEF JUDGE 312-435-5600

January 11, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

I know we are all doing our best to stay safe and healthy, and I'm hoping the frequency of these letters will diminish. I do need to let you know about three positive COVID-19 test results:

- a Court Security Officer (CSO) who was assigned to cover the independent (one man) posts (Quincy/Jackson Garage booths, respectively) and external roving posts of the Dirksen Courthouse who last worked on Friday, January 8;
- an employee/contractor assigned to work on the 4th floor of the Dirksen Courthouse who was in the Courthouse on Tuesday, January 5, and Wednesday, January 6; and
- a second CSO who was last in the Courthouse on December 29, 2020.

We believe all individuals wore face coverings and maintained appropriate social distancing from individuals the entire time they were in the building. Individuals who had direct contact with these employee/contractor/CSOs have been notified. The General Services Administration has already cleaned the impacted areas using appropriate protocols. All CSO posts have been resupplied with cleaning supplies and are being utilized by CSO Staff.

As I have explained previously, you should continue to monitor yourselves for symptoms associated with COVID-19 and contact your healthcare provider with any questions about symptoms or specific questions about your health. Please continue to maintain physical distancing efforts, wash your hands often, and wear a mask over nose and mouth, here in the Courthouse and in all social interactions. I appreciate your continued diligence in following these measures.

Yours truly,

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Rebecca R. Pallmeyer Chief Judge Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee