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

November 24, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned of two individuals that were in the Dirksen Courthouse earlier this week who have tested positive for COVID-19:

- An individual who was on the 16th floor of the Courthouse on Monday, November 22nd; and
- A contractor/employee who was on the 2nd and 14th floors of the Dirksen Courthouse on Monday, November 22nd, and Tuesday, November 23rd.

These individuals were on no other floors; wore a face covering; and maintained appropriate distancing while in the Courthouse. Individuals who had direct contact with these individuals have been notified, and the General Services Administration will clean the impacted areas.

As you know from reading these letters and following news reports, COVID-19 is not yet behind us. I send the letters because it is my responsibility to let you know what is happening in our Courthouses, and to remind you of our continued responsibility to adhere to protective measures: masks, social distancing, and handwashing.

Again, please do continue to exercise care, and please take steps to ensure that you and your family members are vaccinated.

I appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe, and I wish all of you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

Chief Judge

Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee