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

December 8, 2020

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

This evening, I write to report that a contractor assigned to the Dirksen Courthouse has recently tested positive for COVID-19. The contractor was last in the Courthouse on December 4, 2020 and worked the basement, sub-basement and other non-public areas of the building. We believe the individual wore a face covering the entire time he/she was in the building and did not visit any other area of the Courthouse. Individuals who had direct with this person have been notified. We have again notified the General Services Administration and requested that they clean the areas using appropriate protocols.

Because activities in the Courthouse are very limited, I am hoping that the frequency of these letters will decline. Please do not relax your own safety standards, however. Please do 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. Even while working remotely, I hope you will continue to maintain physical distancing efforts, wash your hands often, and wear a mask over nose and mouth when you are in contact with anyone outside your own household.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

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Chief Judge

Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee