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Danielle L. McGee Hearing Officer Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission 18-20 Trinity Street, Suite 100 Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Re: Sarah Braasch v. Yale University Police Department, Docket No. FIC 2019-0450

Dear Ms. McGee:

I have been engaged to represent Respondents Assistant Chief, Yale University Police Department and Yale University Police Department (collectively "YPD"). This matter is currently scheduled for a hearing on October 3, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

I am writing to request a continuance. I was only recently retained and, therefore, just learned of the hearing date. Unfortunately, YPD's primary witness, Chief Ronnell Higgins, is unavailable on that date because of preexisting commitments. Chief Higgins's testimony is necessary to provide the relevant information effectively and efficiently.

Additionally, I will be out of the country on October 3, 2019. Ms. Braasch has made statements on her blog indicating that she intends to "make a spectacle" of her attendance at the instant hearing. See https://sarahjbraasch.com/2019/09/11/ct-freedom-of-information-act-commission-hearing-on-oct-3rd-in-hartford-and-request-for-donations-to-my-legal-fund-youtube-channel-video-script/. Given her stated intention and the media interest that it is likely to create, my client believes it is important that I attend the hearing.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request a continuance of the October 3, 2019 hearing date. We are happy to work with Ms. Braasch and the FOIC to reschedule.

Thank you for considering this request.



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Sincerely,

Aaron S. Bayer

CC: Sarah Braasch

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