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Hon. Thérèse Wiley Dancks  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
Northern District of New York  
Federal Building and U. S. Courthouse  
P. O. Box 7346  
Syracuse, NY 13261-7346

Re: *Orr, Alana v. McGinty, Anthony et al*  
*Northern District of New York*  
17-CV-1280 (GLS)(TWD)

Dear Judge Dancks:

This office represents the Defendant, Anthony McGinty, in the above-referenced matter. The undersigned respectfully requests a telephonic or video conference at the Court's earliest convenience to discuss outstanding issues regarding Defendant McGinty's deposition, which was held on August 20, 2021.

Specifically, the undersigned seeks additional safeguards to protect the contents of the deposition video and written transcript in light of Ms. Orr and Mr. Douglass' continued communications with the press regarding this matter, which appear to violate the Court's temporary protective order, dated August 18, 2021. During Judge McGinty's deposition, Plaintiff's counsel inquired if Defendant McGinty was aware of a New York Post article issued that day related to the Judge, titled "Upstate judge favored abusive men over battered women in custody cases, lawsuit claims" (which he had not) and his feelings on his public image.

Enclosed please find a copy of this article, which includes quotes from both Plaintiff, Alana Orr, and Plaintiff's counsel, Joshua Douglass. The article identifies the claims of this case and indicates that a deposition of Judge McGinty on this matter was set to occur in Syracuse on August 20, 2021. This article, on its face, appears to violate of the temporary protective order (ordering no discussion of the deposition of Defendant McGinty beyond the existing parties to this action). In the least, the article evidences a need for additional safeguards to protect the contents of the

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosure.