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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL BENEFITS CENTER, a corporation, also d/b/a AFB and AF STUDENT SERVICES; et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 18-cv-00806-SBA

DEFENDANTS' REPORT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE LAUREL BEELER REGARDING WHETHER JANUARY 10, 2019 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE SCHEDULING CALL CAN PROCEED

Complaint filed February 7, 2018
Hon. Saundra Brown Armstrong

Pursuant to the Order issued by Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler on January 4, 2019, Defendants hereby submit the status update requested by the Court regarding whether the settlement conference scheduling call set for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. can proceed. Defendants' counsel has received an email from the FTC's counsel stating that they have not received authorization to attend the status call, but are generally available any time for a

settlement conference. Although the FTC's counsel has stated that they do not object to Defendants' counsel attending the status call and deciding on a settlement conference date that is convenient for Defendants and the Court, Defendants' counsel believes that it would be best to put off the settlement conference by a week or so, in the hope that the ongoing appropriations issues will be resolved and the FTC will be able to participate in the scheduling call.

Dated: January 8, 2019

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