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Jacqueline Sherman, Interim Chair
NYC Board of Correction
1 Centre Street, Room 2213
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RE: One-Week Variance Request from Minimum Standard §1-17(d)(2) Punitive Segregation

Dear Interim Chair Sherman,

Pursuant to §1-15(c) of the New York City Board of Correction's ("Board") Minimum Standards, the New York City Department of Correction ("Department") requests a one week variance from BOC Minimum Standard §1-17(d)(2) of the Board's Minimum Standards (Punitive Segregation) to allow the Department, in highly exceptional circumstances presenting safety and security concerns, to waive the requirement that people be immediately released from punitive segregation for seven days after they have been held in punitive segregation for thirty consecutive days. The Department seeks this variance renewal to take effect on January 9, 2020 and expire on January 16, 2020.

The Department is seeking this emergency variance of one week from Minimum Standard §1-17(d)(2) to allow for full discussion of the limited variance request during the January 14, 2020 Board Public Meeting.

The Department appreciates the Board's consideration of this one week variance renewal, which would allow for the continued option to use the seven day release waiver in highly exceptional circumstances that present serious safety and security concerns.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Brann

cc: Michelle Ovesey, Acting Executive Director & General Counsel