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DEFENDANTS' *EX PARTE* APPLICATION FOR A STAY OF JUDGMENT

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Pursuant to Local Rule 7-19, Defendants the United States of America and Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense, hereby apply *ex parte* for an order staying the application of the Court's entry of a permanent injunction in this case pending appeal. In the alternative, defendants request that the Court grant an immediate stay of its injunction while the Court considers defendants' application for a stay pending appeal. At a minimum, should the Court decline to enter a stay pending appeal or an immediate stay to permit it to consider defendants' request for a stay pending appeal, defendants request that the Court enter an immediate stay to permit the Court of Appeals an opportunity to consider entry of a stay. Defendants submit that cause exists to grant the relief requested herein because, at a minimum, this case raises serious legal questions, and without the entry of an order immediately staying the application of this Court's judgment, defendants will be irreparably harmed before they can appeal this Court's decision to the Ninth Circuit.

Accordingly, Defendants submit this *ex parte* application seeking immediate relief from this Court.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7-19.1, defendants have provided notice of this *ex parte* application to counsel for Plaintiff Log Cabin Republicans and inquired as to whether Plaintiff would oppose this motion. Plaintiff's counsel has stated that Plaintiff opposes defendants' application. Plaintiff's counsel's name, address, telephone number and email address are as follows:

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This application is based upon this notice of *ex parte* application, the accompanying memorandum of points and authorities, and the accompanying

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