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**VIA ECF**

Hon. Colleen McMahon  
Chief United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Jonathan Skolnick  
19 Cr. 720 (DLC)

Dear Judge McMahon:

This letter motion is respectfully submitted on behalf of the defendant, Jonathan Skolnick, inmate #76346-054, who is incarcerated at the MCC pending trial.

As Your Honor is aware, the MCC has suspended all inmate visits as a result of the ongoing pandemic. More recently, most or all units at the MCC have been placed on some form of isolation or quarantine, in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus among inmates. As a result of those restrictions, Mr. Skolnick has effectively been on lockdown for almost a month, with no meaningful ability to communicate with counsel or friends and relatives outside the MCC. Indeed, since the lockdown, I have only had one telephone contact with Mr. Skolnick, and 2-3 emails.

On Wednesday morning, I learned morning that Mr. Skolnick's father had died in England of the coronavirus responsible for the pandemic. When Mr. Skolnick last had contact with the outside world, he was aware that his father had fallen ill, but we understand that he has no knowledge of his father's death. At 7:43 a.m., immediately after learning of the tragic news, I

