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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

5 In Re:

6 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
7 CARES ACT, H.R. 748, AS  
8 AUTHORIZED BY THE JUDICIAL  
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED  
STATES

GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-101-3  
EXTENDED

9 WHEREAS Congress passed legislation authorizing the use of video and  
10 telephone conferencing, under certain circumstances and with the consent of the  
11 defendant, or the juvenile, after consultation with counsel, for various criminal and  
12 delinquency case events during the course of the COVID-19 emergency. CARES  
13 Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (H.R. 748) (eff. March 27, 2020).

14 WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the Judicial Conference of the United States  
15 made the appropriate findings for implementation of the CARES Act and found that  
16 emergency conditions due to the national emergency declared by the President have  
17 affected and will materially affect the functioning of the federal courts generally.

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19 WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, pursuant to the authority delegated to the  
20 Chief Judge of the United States District Courts, my predecessor as Chief United

1 States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington entered, sua sponte,  
2 General Order 20-101-3, Implementation of the CARES Act, which, effectuated,  
3 inter alia, the use of video conferencing, or telephone conferencing if video  
4 conferencing is not reasonably available, for certain criminal proceedings and  
5 events. This General Order was extended for an additional 90 days on June 26,  
6 2020, and again on September 18, 2020

7           According to the CARES Act, the chief judge must “review the extension of  
8 authority not less frequently than once every 90 days until the earlier of—(i) the  
9 date on which the chief judge (or other judge or justice) determines the authorization  
10 is no longer warranted; or (ii) the date on which the emergency authority is  
11 terminated under paragraph (5).” § 15002(b)(3)(B).

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13           As Chief United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington,  
14 I have conducted such review and find that an extension is once again warranted.

15           **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that General Order 20-  
16 101-3 is **EXTENDED** for another 90 days from today.

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18           1. Pursuant to § 15002(b)(3) of the CARES Act, this extended authorization  
19           will remain in effect for 90 days unless terminated earlier. If emergency  
20           conditions continue to exist 90 days from the entry of this order, this

1 authorization will be reviewed, and a determination made whether to  
2 extend it further.

- 3 2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to the provisions of the CARES  
4 Act, this authority shall terminate on the last day of the “covered  
5 emergency period” (as defined at § 15002(a)) or the date on which the  
6 Judicial Conference of the United States finds that emergency conditions  
7 due to the national emergency declared by the President under the  
8 National Emergencies Act with respect to the COVID-19 virus outbreak  
9 no longer materially affect the functioning of either the Federal courts  
10 generally or the courts within this district.

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12 The District Court Executive is directed to post this Extended General Order  
13 to the Court’s website and distribute a copy to each attorney registered in the  
14 CM/ECF system.

15 **DATED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

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17 STANLEY A. BASTIAN  
18 Chief United States District Judge  
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