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Dear Director Thompson,

Consistent with the instruction in your memorandum of March 21, 2024, to the Parking Committee outlining the process regarding requests for exemption from the parking policy, I am, on behalf of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) requesting that four (4) parking spaces adjacent to the Warren Rudman Federal Courthouse be specifically designated for use by the USMS. These spaces would be solely for use by unmarked, though fully outfitted first responder law enforcement vehicles.

Recently the District of New Hampshire (D/NH) has experienced operational staffing growth, and concomitant fleet growth. As the space allocated to the D/NH in the Rudman Federal Courthouse is limited and secured behind a gate, the fleet increase has resulted in the 'stacking' of vehicles. This means that often if not every day, emergency vehicles are of necessity blocking other emergency vehicles. On more than one occasion this has resulted in a failure to exit the facility quickly in response to an emergency. This was most apparent and serious in our response to the Active Shooter at the New Hampshire State Hospital late last year. Valuable moments were lost as we moved cars, to gain egress from the building.

Prior to seeking assistance from the parking committee, we attempted to secure spots either inside the federal complex, or in the exterior parking lot. However, according to the General Services Administration (GSA) there are none available currently. Further it is unlikely that any will be coming available in the near or long term.

Given that emergency response is the most important aspect of this request from our perspective, it is important to note that forecloses the opportunity to seek parking at nearby garages or lots. Both the need for 24-hour security, and the need to be able to quickly come and go there by responding to emergency situations contribute to this problem with nearby garages or parking lots. As well Department of Justice (DOJ) process creates obstructions to securing this type of parking. Specifically, the USMS as a part of DOJ cannot prepay parking nor can it pay by cash or check as this is foreclosed by policy.

Finally, I would request the opportunity to meet with the parking committee at its earliest

convenience to discuss this possibility. I deeply appreciate the consideration given by the committee to this request.

Should you feel as the liaison that we should address specific issues or provide further specific documentation, kindly let me know.

Sincerely Yours,

William Ryan Hart, Jr., United States Marshal
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