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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD AYVAZYAN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 20-cr-579 (SVW)

DECLARATION OF ASHWIN J. RAM IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR CONTINUANCE AND EXCLUSION OF TIME (DKT. 264)

Hon. Stephen V. Wilson

I, Ashwin J. Ram, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of California. I am a partner at the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP and counsel of record for defendant Richard Ayvazyan in the above-captioned matter.

2. On April 5, 2021, the government contacted defense counsel regarding defense counsel's availability for a continued trial date. On the same day, defense counsel responded and stated our opposition to another continuance, but in the event a continuance is granted, requested that trial proceed no later than June 15, 2021. A true and correct copy of the correspondence is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Los Angeles, California on April 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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