1 THE HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBART 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATTLE 9 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, No. 2:12-cv-01282-JLR 11 Plaintiff. 12 UNITED STATES' RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF TERMINATION OF THE CONSENT 13 v. **DECREE AND DISMISSAL WITH** CITY OF SEATTLE, **PREJUDICE** 14 Defendant. 15 16 17 The City of Seattle has moved for full termination of the parties' Consent Decree in this 18 case. Dkt. 831. The Court entered the Consent Decree in 2012 to address the Department of Justice 19 20 (DOJ)'s findings that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) had engaged in a pattern or practice of 21 conduct that violated the Constitution and federal law. To address DOJ's findings, the parties 22 negotiated a Consent Decree, which set forth six areas for reform: (1) Use of Force; (2) Crisis 23 Intervention; (3) Stops and Detentions; (4) Bias-Free Policing; (5) Supervision; and (6) the Office 24

of Professional Accountability (now renamed the Office of Police Accountability). Dkt. 3-1 ¶¶

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