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Dear Counsel:

Under certain circumstances, the Office of the US Trustee will waive the requirement that a debtor appear and give testimony at his/her Section 341 Meeting of Creditors. This office is not empowered to allow a bankruptcy filing be made by power of attorney nor is it empowered to waive any appearance required to be made in court.

This office considers requests to waive debtors' live, in person, testimony at Section 341 Meetings of Creditors on a case-by-case basis. Generally, we require:

- written evidence that the debtor is unable or unavailable to testify on his/her own behalf;
- a letter from counsel certifying that counsel has met with the debtor and that the debtor signed his/her own schedules;
- a current and appropriate power of attorney; and
- a demonstration that the attorney in fact or attorney of record is familiar with the financial affairs of the debtor.

When granted, such a waiver does not override the debtor identity program and proof of the debtor's identification and social security number will still be required by the trustee.

If you forward all of the above to my attention, I will be happy to consider your request.

Regards,

/s/

ATTY NAME

Trial Attorney