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RE: Elena Ruth Sassower v. United States of America  
#04-CM-760 & #04-CO-1600 ("Disruption of Congress" case)

Dear Ms. Pan:

I have received your Appellee's Brief and will be making a motion for a procedural order pursuant to Rule 27(b)(1)(A) to extend my time to reply from April 5, 2006 to May 5, 2006.

Such is necessitated by other work responsibilities, whose deadlines and timetables are throughout the coming weeks. This, added to my family commitments, most importantly, to my 81-year old father, George Sassower, who broke his hip on February 21st. – and for whom I am a primary caregiver. This past Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and after a myriad of life-threatening complications, he was finally transferred from the hospital to a nursing home, where he is expected to remain for the next three weeks. We are praying for the success of the physical therapy he will be receiving, but it is a difficult, stressful period for him and the family. Needless to say, we are spending a great deal of time together and hoping we will be able to celebrate his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Since I have already served the maximum six-month jail sentence for the "disruption of Congress" charge of which I was convicted and paid the maximum \$500 fine and maximum \$250 assessment under the "Victims of Violent Crimes Compensation Act of 1981", there is no prejudice to the government by its consent to my requested extension. Moreover, as you know, I readily consented to your requests for extensions of time for your Appellee's Brief – and you ultimately had four months within which to prepare the Brief, to which I must now respond.

Please confirm, as soon as possible that you do consent so that I can make the appropriate motion to the Court.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

  
ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Appellant Pro Se

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