VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ARLINGTON

HEATHER SAWYER,

Petitioner,

v.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, et al.,

Case No. CL22-3027-00

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Respondents.

<u>ORDER</u>

On January 25, 2023, this matter came before the Court on Petitioner's Petition for Injunctive and Mandamus Relief and Respondents' Demurrer.

Upon consideration of the pleadings, the written and oral arguments presented by counsel *the demurre* for the parties, and for the reasons stated by the Court on the record, the Court ordered that *A* Respondents produce to Petitioner all records responsive to the "General Communications Request" and the "Specific Communication Request."

Whereupon, Respondents, by counsel, moved this Court to stay its Order to produce the disputed records to allow Respondents to file an appeal, and argued that for Respondents' appeal CPO ALS rights to have any meaning, the responsive record cannot be produced pending appeal.

It appearing to the Court proper to do so, it is hereby ORDERED that: overruling the demurrer and granting the Petition, the

 This Court's order that Respondents produce to Petitioner all records responsive to the "General Communications Request" and the "Specific Communication-Request" is hereby stayed to allow Respondents to pursue their right of appeal. 2. This stay will remain in effect until Respondents' appeal rights have been in all applicable courts of appeals ALS CVO exhausted or further order of this Court or any other appellate court of competent

jurisdiction.

The Clerk is directed to send an electronic copy of this order to counsel of record.

Entered this day of January of 2023.

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