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SUBJECT: NMB Extends Limits on Representation Case Handling During COVID-19 Health Crisis

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic health crisis and the significant telework required to maintain operations and ensure the health and safety of our employees and the nation, the National Mediation Board has authorized the following with regard to representation cases.

Given the lack of the assurance of the ability to maintain the operational integrity which safeguards the election process, the Board will not accept any new representation applications effective immediately, through and including **June 1, 2020**.

The Board will continue to investigate all other pending representation cases, however, no new elections will be authorized, effective immediately, through and including **June 1, 2020**. The Board will continue to monitor this evolving situation and determine whether additional extension of this suspension may be necessary.

The Board continues to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Agency operations and is committed to ensuring the continuation of its mission activities to the extent possible during this national emergency. The Board will continue to keep the public informed of any further developments.