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EOIR Suspends Operations at the Houston – Smith Street Immigration Court Lease Expiration Requires the Agency to Relocate

FALLS CHURCH, VA – EOIR is suspending operations at the Houston – Smith Street Immigration Court following a change in building ownership and the new building owner deciding not to enter into a lease agreement with the General Services Administration, which manages private contracts for EOIR space.

Hearings from February 28 through March 11, 2022, will be postponed and the court will issue new hearing notices to all parties affected. EOIR expects to resume hearings on March 14, 2022, for cases of noncitizens who have representation. The agency will continue to postpone cases during an extended relocation. Unrepresented respondents may request a remote hearing by contacting the court.

Filings will be accepted on the 14th floor of the Court Annex located at 1919 Smith Street until more permanent space is available. Cases assigned to the Houston – Smith Street Immigration Court should continue to be captioned for Houston – Smith Street.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. EOIR's mission is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation's immigration laws. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, EOIR conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all cases it adjudicates.