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Deborah S. Hunt
Clerk of the Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
Potter Stewart U.S. Courthouse
100 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

RE: *EEOC v. R.G. & G.R Harris Funeral Homes, Inc.*, No. 16-2424

Dear Clerk Hunt:

I am writing to advise you that as of January 20, 2018, appropriations for funding for Federal Government operations lapsed. As a federal agency, EEOC is subject to the federal Antideficiency Act, which provides in part that an “officer or employee of the United States Government . . . may not . . . involve [the] government in a contract or obligation for the payment of money before an appropriation is made unless authorized by law,” 31 U.S.C. § 1341(a)(1)(B), and that the federal government “may not accept voluntary services . . . or employ personal services exceeding that authorized by law except for emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.” *Id.* § 1342. Consequently, EEOC lawyers are prohibited from engaging in litigation activities or communicating with the courts on any EEOC matter until funding is restored.

If there are any case developments during the course of the shutdown, please notify Associate General Counsel Jennifer S. Goldstein at Jennifer.Goldstein@eoc.gov, or call her at (202) 663-4733.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anne Noel Occhialino
Acting Assistant General Counsel,
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