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Peter A. Moore, Clerk of Court
United States District Court
201 South Evans Street, Room 209
Greenville, North Carolina 27858

**Re: *Epic Games, Inc. v. C.R.*
5:17-cv-534-H**

Dear Mr. Moore:

I am counsel of record for Plaintiff Epic Games, Inc. ("Epic") in the above-referenced civil action. Thank you for filing the unsigned *ex parte* correspondence from the Defendant's mother in the docket [DE-6] (the "Letter"). Unless otherwise directed by the Court, Epic does not plan to file a substantive response to the Letter at this time.

We note that the Letter states that Defendant is a minor. Fed. R. Civ. P 5.2(a) requires that "[u]nless the court orders otherwise, . . . in an electronic or paper filing with the court that contains . . . the name of an individual *known to be a minor* . . . , a party or nonparty making the filing may include only: . . . (3) the minor's initials . . ." *Id.* (emphasis added.) Local Civil Rule 17.1(c) provides that "all parties to any litigation in which a minor is a party. . . shall redact the minor child's name from all documents filed with the court. If the name of the minor must be included in a document, including the caption, only the initials of the child should be used." *Id.*

We did not violate Rule 5.2(a) or Local Civil Rule 17.2 because we did not know when we filed the papers that Defendant is a minor. Although there is an argument that by submitting the Letter to the Court containing Defendant's name and address, Defendant's mother waived this protection under Fed. R. Civ. P 5.2(h), which provides that "[a] person waives the protection of Rule 5.2(a) as to the person's own information by filing it without redaction and not under seal," we plan to include only Defendant's initials or redact his name entirely in all future filings with the Court, including this letter.

This letter is to request the Court's guidance on whether the Court would like us to file a motion to seal the papers currently on the docket that include Defendant's full

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name, re-file versions of those papers with Defendant' s name redacted, or take any other remedial action.

We look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing document was electronically filed this day with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system and a true and accurate copy will be sent by U.S. mail addressed to the following:

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This 30th day of November, 2017.

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