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24 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
25 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
26 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

27 CONCORD MUSIC GROUP, INC. et al.

28 Plaintiffs,

v.

ANTHROPIC PBC,

Defendant.

Case Number: 3:24-cv-03811-JSC

**DECLARATION OF JEFFREY G.
KNOWLES IN SUPPORT OF JOINT
STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
ORDER TO CONTINUE CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE TO
AUGUST 15, 2024**

Hon. Jacqueline Scott Corley

Current Initial CMC Date: July 25, 2024

I, Jeffrey G. Knowles, hereby declare pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 as follows:

1 1. I am an attorney at the law firm of Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP. I represent
2 Plaintiffs Concord Music Group, Inc., Capitol CMG, Inc., Universal Music Corp., Songs of
3 Universal, Inc., Universal Music – MGB NA LLC, Polygram Publishing, Inc., Universal Music –
4 Z Tunes LLC, and ABKCO Music, Inc. in this matter. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated
5 herein based on my personal knowledge. If called upon to do so, I am able to testify competently
6 to the matters as stated therein.

7 2. Pursuant to Civil L.R. 6-2, I respectfully submit this declaration in support of the
8 Parties' Joint Stipulation and [Proposed] Order to Continue the Case Management Conference to
9 August 15, 2024. The Parties request a continuance of the initial Case Management Conference
10 ("CMC") for the following reasons:

11 3. The initial CMC before the Honorable Laurel Beeler was scheduled for September
12 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM. ECF No. 126.

13 4. Following the declination of magistrate judge jurisdiction, this case was reassigned
14 to this Court. ECF No. 132.

15 5. This Court then scheduled the initial CMC for July 25, 2024, at 1:30 PM, with the
16 Parties' Case Management Statement due by July 18, 2024. ECF No. 133.

17 6. Plaintiffs' lead trial counsel is unable to attend the initial CMC before this Court as
18 currently scheduled on July 25, due to pre-existing obligations involving out-of-country travel
19 without access to videoconference.

20 7. The Parties have met and conferred and agreed, subject to the Court's approval, to
21 a continuance of the initial CMC until **August 15, 2024 at 1:30 PM** (which is the next available
22 Thursday on which lead trial counsel for all Parties are available for the CMC). This slight
23 continuance of the initial CMC will allow lead trial counsel for all Parties to attend the initial CMC
24 and promote the orderly and expeditious disposition of the case.

25 8. This request to continue the initial CMC and attendant obligations to submit a Case
26 Management Statement will not impact any other deadlines or events already fixed by the Court.

