## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORTH WORTH DIVISION

Civil Action No. 4:19-cv-00800-C
Ction 14.17-CV-00000-0
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## CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT BRIEFING

Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant a six week extension, through May 10, 2024, for the Defendants to file their opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment. There is good cause to grant this extension:

- 1. The Court's February 15, 2024 Order [ECF No. 59] granted an extension through March 29, 2024 for Defendants' opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment.
- 2. The parties are currently engaged in productive discussion regarding whether a nonjudicial resolution of this matter is possible. Since February 15, the parties have held two conference calls, and exchanged four letters. Given the complexities of the case and the number of stakeholders, the parties need more time for negotiations to progress. An additional extension would allow the parties to either complete their negotiation or conclude that summary judgment briefing is still necessary.

3. In addition, undersigned counsel and the Department of Labor's agency counsel for this matter have obligations in other matters that would make a shorter extension impractical, for purposes of continuing settlement discussions. For example, agency counsel has a 200-page post-trial brief due on April 26, 2024.

4. This extension will not prejudice any party. Undersigned counsel conferred with Plaintiffs' counsel who stated that Plaintiffs consent to this motion and request that their reply brief be set for May 31, 2024, three weeks after Defendants' opposition brief.

Dated: March 26, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On March 26, 2024, I electronically submitted the foregoing document with the clerk of court for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, using the electronic case filing system of the court. I hereby certify that I have served the parties electronically or by another manner authorized by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(b)(2).

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