IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA WESTERN DIVISION

STATE OF KANSAS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 1:24-cv-00150-DMT-CRH

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND REQUEST TO LIFT STAY

On November 12, 2025, the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture,
Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions
Act, 2026 was signed by the President. That law restored appropriations to *inter*alia the Department of Justice, effective November 13, 2025. In light of that
development, and pursuant to the Court's order of October 23, 2025, ECF No. 212,
Defendants respectfully request that the stay of this case be lifted. As the Court
directed, Defendants will confer with the other parties to prepare and file a joint
status report within 14 days of the restoration of appropriations. See id.

Dated: November 14, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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