IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

RAPIDES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Case No. 1:25-CV-00070-DDD-JPM
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,)))
et al.,)
Defendants.)))

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING DATE

Defendants respectfully request that the Court enter an order continuing the hearing date currently set for October 2, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. *See* ECF No. 42. Defendants respectfully request that the Court reset the hearing for a date on or after October 6, 2025. Defendants have conferred with counsel for Plaintiff, who does not oppose this request.

Good cause—a preexisting conflict—supports the requested continuance. Specifically, undersigned counsel for Defendants must appear at a hearing in Bismarck, North Dakota, addressing a motion to dismiss filed in the civil action, *North Dakota v. United States Department of Labor, et al.*, No. 1:24-cv-00256-DMT-CRH (D.N.D.). The *North Dakota* court scheduled the motion hearing for October 1, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. Given the distance between Bismarck, North Dakota, and Alexandria, Louisiana, counsel anticipates that it will be infeasible to attend a hearing in Alexandria the following day.

The Court may consider arranging a brief call with counsel for the parties to address scheduling, which would help ensure no additional conflicts. Counsel for Plaintiff have indicated that they would join such a call.

CONCLUSION

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For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that the Court continue and reset the hearing date currently scheduled for October 2, 2025. Defendants respectfully request that the Court reset the hearing for a date on or after October 6, 2025.

Dated: September 19, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I met and conferred electronically with counsel for Plaintiff with respect to this motion, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7.4.1 and Local Civil Rule 7.9. Counsel for Plaintiff indicated that Plaintiff does not oppose this motion.

/s/ Liam C. Holland LIAM C. HOLLAND Trial Attorney

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	ORDER
Upon consideration of Defendants' M	Motion to Continue Hearing Date, it is hereby
ORDERED that the motion is GRA	NTED; and it is further
ORDERED that the hearing date so	cheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
be continued.	
THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Ch	nambers in Alexandria, Louisiana, this
day of	_, 2025