

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

CITY OF COLUMBUS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his official
capacity as Secretary of the United States
Department of Health and Human Services, *et*
al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-2114-BAH

**DEFENDANTS’ CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
IN LIGHT OF LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS**

Defendants hereby move for an extension of their deadline to respond to Plaintiffs’ Complaint, ECF No. 1. At the end of the day on September 30, 2025, the appropriations act that had been funding the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”) expired, and those appropriations to the Department lapsed. The same is true for the majority of other Executive agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”). DOJ does not know when such funding will be restored by Congress. Absent an appropriation, DOJ attorneys are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including “emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.” 31 U.S.C. § 1342. In light of the ongoing lapse of appropriations, undersigned counsel for DOJ therefore requests that Defendants’ deadline to respond to Plaintiffs’ Complaint, which is currently October 30, 2025, *see* ECF No. 54, be extended by 15 days to November 14, 2025.

Defendants have conferred with Plaintiffs, through counsel, and Plaintiffs consent to the relief requested in this motion.

DATED: October 27, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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[Proposed] ORDER

Before the Court is Defendants' Consent Motion for Extension of Time in Light of Lapse of Appropriations, in which Defendants request that their deadline to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint, ECF No. 1, be extended by 15 days to November 14, 2025. Having reviewed the Motion, Local Rules, and relevant law, Defendants' Motion is **GRANTED**. It is hereby **ORDERED** that Defendants' response to Plaintiffs' Complaint is due by November 14, 2025.

BRENDAN A. HURSON
United States District Judge

Date: _____, 2025