

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE

THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
OF MAINE d/b/a MAINE FAMILY
PLANNING,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 1:25-cv-00364-LEW

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiff Maine Family Planning, and Defendants, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), *et al.*, hereby submit this Joint Status Report following the resumption of appropriations:

1. On July 16, 2025, Plaintiff filed its Complaint and Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. *See* ECF Nos. 1, 5.
2. Defendants opposed that motion, *see* ECF No. 24.
3. On August 25, 2025, this Court denied the Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. *See* ECF No. 31.
4. Plaintiff appealed that Order, *see* ECF No. 32, and moved for an Emergency Injunction Pending Appeal, *see* ECF No. 33.
5. This Court denied that motion on September 8, 2025. *See* ECF No. 38.
6. Plaintiff then sought an injunction pending appeal from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, *see Maine Family Planning v. HHS*, No. 25-1829 (1st Cir.), and this Court granted

Defendants' consent motion to stay further district court proceedings pending resolution of that motion. *See* ECF No. 42.

7. The First Circuit denied the motion for an injunction pending appeal on October 16, 2025.

8. Plaintiff's appeal of this Court's order denying its motion for a preliminary injunction remains pending before the First Circuit.

9. The parties have conferred and believe that resolution of the appeal could provide clarity on next steps in the case. Therefore, in the interest of efficiency, the parties propose that further district court proceedings remain stayed pending resolution of the preliminary injunction appeal in the First Circuit.

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