

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

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

Defendants-Appellees.

No. 21-1076

**STATUS REPORT AND CONSENT MOTION
TO HOLD APPEAL IN ABEYANCE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS**

On March 12, 2021, this Court granted defendants-appellees' motion to hold this appeal in abeyance until April 30, 2021, to give them time to review and evaluate the issues in this case. The Court directed defendants to file a status report on or before April 30, 2021.

Defendants continue to evaluate the issues raised in this case and respectfully request that the Court continue to hold the appeal in abeyance for an additional 90 days. We have consulted with counsel for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who have consented to this abeyance motion. The parties have agreed that either party may move

to terminate the abeyance before the expiration of 90 days by filing a motion seeking such relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32(g), I hereby certify that this motion complies with the requirements of Rule 27(d)(1)(E) because it has been prepared in 14-point Century Schoolbook, a proportionally spaced font, and that it complies with the type-volume limitation of Rule 27(d)(2)(A), because it contains 135 words, according to the count of Microsoft Word.

/s/ Karen Schoen
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 30, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing motion with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system. Participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users, and service will be accomplished by the appellate CM/ECF system.

/s/ Karen Schoen
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