

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

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF)	
GREATER NEW YORK <i>et al.</i>)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 25-cv-2453
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND)	
HUMAN SERVICES <i>et al.</i>)	
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Defendants.)	
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JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s February 2, 2026, Minute Order, the parties respectfully submit this Joint Status Report advising the Court of the status of this matter and whether any disputes remain between the parties.

1. On January 1, 2026, the Court granted Plaintiffs’ unopposed motion to permit a skeletal filing, stayed other deadlines for the attorneys’ fees motion until April 1, 2026, and directed the parties to file a joint status report by February 2, 2026. Min. Order (Jan. 1, 2026). Plaintiffs filed their skeletal motion for attorneys’ fees and costs on January 5, 2026. ECF No. 35. The parties filed a joint status report on February 2, 2026, updating the Court of their progress. ECF No. 36. The Court ordered the parties to file another status report on March 4, 2026. Min. Order (Feb. 2, 2026).

2. Since that time, the parties have continued to engage in good-faith settlement discussions concerning the issues related to attorneys’ fees and costs. The parties have made significant progress but have not yet reached an agreement and need additional time to continue their efforts to resolve the matter without further involvement from the Court.

3. At this time, because negotiations are continuing, the parties do not yet know whether any issues will remain for the Court to resolve.

4. To keep the Court apprised while allowing the parties additional time to continue settlement discussions, the parties propose filing another joint status report on April 3, 2026.

Dated: March 5, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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