

No. 25-30568

In the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

DO NO HARM, a nonprofit corporation
incorporated in the State of Virginia,
Plaintiff–Appellant,

v.

JEFF LANDRY, in his official capacity as the Governor to the State of
Louisiana as successor in office to Governor John Bel Edwards,
Defendant–Appellee.

On Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Louisiana
No. 5:24-CV-0016, Hon. Jerry Edwards, Jr.

THIRD UNOPPOSED MOTION TO HOLD BRIEFING IN ABEYANCE

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS

Under Fifth Circuit Rule 28.2.1, a certificate of interested persons is not required because Defendant-Appellee is a governmental party.

MOTION

On March 16, 2026, the Court ordered all briefing deadlines be held in abeyance pending the conclusion of the current Louisiana legislative session on June 1, 2026. By that date, the parties were unable to find a legislative solution. Because the parties continue to agree that the challenged provisions of La. R.S. 37:1263(B) are unconstitutional, the parties requested, and the court granted, an additional 30 days to discuss the possibility of settlement. That abeyance ends Thursday, July 9, and settlement discussion remain ongoing.

Governor Landry therefore respectfully requests that the Court continue to hold briefing deadlines in abeyance for an additional 30 days to permit settlement discussions. This motion is unopposed. Upon the expiration of the abeyance, the parties will file a joint status report updating the Court on the status of settlement discussions.

Dated: July 7, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on July 7, 2026, I filed the foregoing motion with the Court's CM/ECF system, which will automatically send an electronic notice of filing to all counsel of record.

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