

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
<i>ex rel.</i> JOANNE WATERS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 4:20-cv-00037-SEP
)	
ST. LOUIS PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES)	
INC., et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

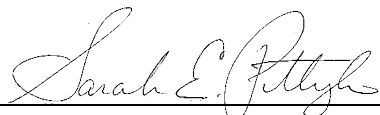
Before the Court is Relator Joanne Waters’s pro se Motion to Request Documents be Filed and/or Placed under Seal. Doc. [43]. In that motion, Relator requests “that all documents . . . submitted since 2022 be placed under seal.” *Id.*

There is a “common-law right of access to judicial records.” *IDT Corp. v. eBay*, 709 F.3d 1220, 1222 (8th Cir. 2013). When evaluating motions to seal, the “court must first decide if the documents in question are ‘judicial records,’ and if so, must next consider whether the party seeking to prevent disclosure has overcome the common-law right of access.” *Flynt v. Lombardi*, 885 F.3d 508, 511 (8th Cir. 2018) (quoting *IDT Corp.*, 709 F.3d at 1222-23). “The presumption of public access to judicial records may be overcome if the party seeking to keep the records under seal provides compelling reasons for doing so.” *Flynt*, 885 F.3d at 511 (citing *In re Neal*, 461 F.3d 1048, 1053 (8th Cir. 2006)).

Because Relator presents no compelling reasons for sealing, and because this Court has ordered that “anything filed in this action . . . shall not be sealed,” Doc. [30], her motion is denied. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion to Request Documents be Filed and/or Placed under Seal, Doc. [43], is **DENIED**.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2023.


 SARAH E. PITLYK
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE