

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 6:25-cv-00009-JDK

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A STAY OF BRIEFING
IN LIGHT OF LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS**

The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) hereby moves for a temporary stay of all briefing and other deadlines in this case. In support of this motion, counsel for the FTC states as follows:

1. At the end of the day on September 30, 2025, the continuing resolution that had been funding the FTC expired, and appropriations to the FTC lapsed. The FTC currently lacks appropriated funds to continue operating, and does not know when funding will be restored.
2. Absent an appropriation, FTC attorneys and other employees are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including “emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.” 31 U.S.C. § 1342.
3. Undersigned counsel for the FTC therefore requests that the Court stay all deadlines in this case until Congress has restored appropriations to the FTC.

4. If this motion for a stay is granted, undersigned counsel will notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the FTC. The Commission requests that, at that point, all current deadlines for the parties be extended commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations.

4. Opposing counsel has authorized counsel for the FTC to state that plaintiffs do not oppose this motion.

Therefore, although we greatly regret any disruption caused to the Court and the other litigants, the FTC hereby moves for a stay in this case until FTC attorneys are permitted to resume their usual civil litigation functions.

Respectfully submitted,

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of defendants' unopposed motion to stay, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the motion is **GRANTED**. This case is **STAYED** pending further notice from defendants that appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission have resumed.