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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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TEXAS, ET AL., Original Plaintiffs; STEPHEN P. WALLACE, Private Attorney General, And All US Taxpayers adversely affected, Additional Plaintiffs,

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CASE #: 4:18-cv-00167-0 **Jury Trial Demanded**

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL. **Original Defendants;** JOHN S. MCCAIN, Individually; Additional Defendant.

ADDITIONAL "NECESSARY PLAINTIFFS" REPLY TO PLAINTIFF-STATES' OPPOSITION TO US JUDGE O"CONNOR TO GRANT MOTION TO INTERVENE & "TO ISSUE THE SUMMONS" ON JOHN S. McCAIN AND CROSS-MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFF-STATES' OVERT DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS, HAVING PREVIOUSLY "WAIVED ANY OBJECTION" VIA IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

1 That the Court shall take Judicial Notice that [API's] initial INTERVENTION in the Eastern Virginia USDC [Case #:2017-cv-00411] vs. [JSM] has now been "Blocked" from proffering Supporting Irrefutable EVIDENCE; (enclosed)

2 That Plaintiff-States' have already "Waived their Objection" via their in-house Counsel's NOTICE via US Mail; (enclosed)

3 That President Trump's USDOJ has "Withdrawn the Defense of ACA", confirming that [JSM] was and still is the "sole Procuring Cause" of the "Failure to Abolish ACA"; (enclosed) 4 That the Court shall take Judicial Notice that [JSM] continues his pernicious Attack on the President's Agenda, and should be considered a "Necessary Hostile Witness"; (enclosed) Wherefore, [API] request that Judge O'Connor, having allowed [API] Intervention to Date, Review the Eastern Virginia CASE to confirm that [API] were "never Dismissed" from the CASE since Filing, and only Dismissed the RICO CASE due to Original Plaintiff Heghmann's "Failure to State a Claim" like [API's], making [API's] Motion To Intervene, MOOT.

Respectfully submitted via USPS Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation this [8/1/18], Stephen P. Wallace, Private Attorney General

Cc: President Trump, et al.

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I certify that I forwarded a Verified Copy to Texas Attorney General Paxton for his circulation Stylen R. Wallace to All Attorney General's & to John S. McCain

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Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 1:36 PM

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Please find attached Plaintiffs' Application for Preliminary Injunction; Proposed Order on Application for Preliminary Injunction; Brief in Support of Application for Preliminary Injunction; and Appendix in Support of Application for Preliminary Injunction filed in the above-referenced case. We will mail copies via certified mail as well.

Sincerely,

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PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF PAGE LIMITS TO FILE REPLY BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

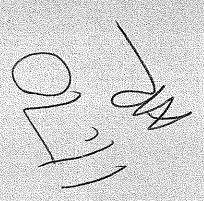
Plaintiffs respectfully file this motion to extend the page limitations for their omnibus reply brief in support of their application for preliminary injunction (Doc. 39). In support of this motion, Plaintiffs show the following:

- 1. Northern District Local Rule 7.2(c) provides that reply briefs in support of motions are limited to ten (10) pages in length.
- 2. On June 7, Intervenor-Defendants and Federal Defendants responded to Plaintiffs' application for preliminary injunction. See Docs. 91, 92. The responses collectively span 71 pages and challenge, on numerous grounds, the relief Plaintiffs

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Health & Science

Trump administration won't defend ACA in case brought by GOP states

by Amy Goldstein June 7

The Trump administration said Thursday night that it will not defend the Affordable Care Act against the latest legal challenge to its constitutionality — a dramatic break from the executive branch's tradition of arguing to uphold existing statutes and a land mine for health insurance changes the ACA brought about.

In a brief filed in a Texas federal court and an accompanying letter to the House and Senate leaders of both parties, the Justice Department agrees in large part with the 20 Republican-led states that brought the suit. They contend that the ACA provision requiring most Americans to carry health insurance soon will no longer be constitutional and that, as a result, consumer insurance protections under the law will not be valid, either.

The three-page letter from Attorney General Jeff Sessions begins by saying that Justice adopted its position "with the approval of the President of the United States." The letter acknowledges that the decision not to defend an existing law deviates from history but contends that it is not unprecedented.

The bold swipe at the ACA, a Republican whipping post since its 2010 passage, does not immediately affect any of its provisions. But it puts the law on far more wobbly legal footing in the case, which is being heard by a GOP-appointed judge who has in other recent cases ruled against more minor aspects.

The administration does not go as far as the Texas attorney general and his counterparts. In their suit, lodged in February in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, they argue that the entire law is now invalid.

By contrast, the Justice brief and letter say many other aspects of the law can survive because they can be considered legally distinct from the insurance mandate and such consumer protections as a ban on charging more or refusing coverage to people with preexisting medical conditions.

A group of 17 Democratic-led states that have won standing in the case also filed a brief on Thursday night arguing for the ACA's preservation.

While the case has to play out from here, the administration's striking position raises the possibility that major parts of the law could be struck down — a year after the Republican Congress failed at attempts to repeal core provisions.

In an unusual filing just before 6 p.m. Thursday, when the brief was due, the three career Justice attorneys involved in the case — Joel McElyain, Eric Beckenhauer and Rebecca Kopplin - withdrew.

The department's argument, if adopted by U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor, "would be breathtaking in its effect,' said Timothy Jost, a retired Washington and Lee law professor who follows such litigation closely. "Of all of the actions the Trump administration has taken to undermine individual insurance markets, this may be the most destabilizing. . . . [If] I'm an insurer, I don't know what I am supposed to do or not."

Jost, an ACA supporter, noted that the administration's decision not to defend the law comes during the season when participating insurers must file their rates for next year with state regulators. It raises new questions about whether insurers still will be required to charge the same prices to all customers, healthy or sick.

And Topher Spiro, vice president of health policy at the liberal Center for American Progress, said the administration's legal argument contradicts promises by Trump that he would not tamper with the ACA's protections for people with preexisting medical conditions.

University of Michigan law professor Nicholas Bagley, another ACA defender, went even further in a blog post. "If the Justice Department can just throw in the towel whenever a law is challenged in court, it can effectively pick and choose which laws should remain on the books," he wrote. "That's not a rule of law I recognize. That's a rule by whim. And it scares me."

Crusading against the ACA has been a priority of Trump's since his campaign for the White House. On his first night in office, Trump issued an executive order, directing federal agencies to lighten the regulatory burden placed by the law. Last October, the president unilaterally ended a significant part of the law that cushions insurers financially from an obligation to give discounts to decrease out-of-pocket costs to lower-income customers with ACA coverage.

More recently, the White House and Department of Health and Human Services have been working to make it easier for consumers to buy relatively inexpensive health plans that exclude some of the benefits the ACA requires.

The new challenge comes six years after the Supreme Court's divided ruling that the ACA is constitutional. That ruling hinged on the reasoning that, while the government "does not have the power to order people to buy health insurance," as Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. wrote for the majority, it "does have the power to impose a tax on those without health insurance."



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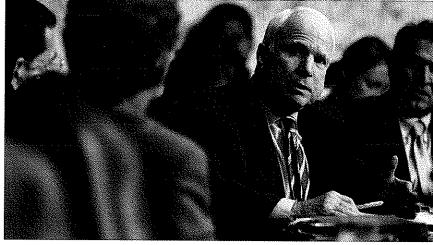
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A bipartisan group of senators introduced legislation on Thursday to require President Trump to get the Senate's approval before he withdraws the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The bill—from Sens. Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Jack Reed (D-R.I.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.)—would require Trump to get the support of two-thirds of the Senate if he wanted to withdraw from the alliance or modify U.S. membership.

It <u>would also authorize</u> the Senate Legal Counsel to challenge any attempt by the administration to withdraw from NATO without the Senate's consent in court.

"Just as it was required to join NATO, Senate approval should be required before this President - or any U.S. President - can withdraw," Kaine said in a statement.

McCain added that Trump's "mistreatment of our closest allies" had "raised doubts" about the U.S. commitment to NATO.

"In the future, the Senate must be prepared to defend its constitutional role. This legislation is urgently required to ensure that no president can withdraw the United States from NATO without the constitutionally required advice and consent of the Senate," he said.

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