IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

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TEXAS, KANSAS, LOUISIANA, INDIANA, WISCONSIN, and NEBRASKA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and CHARLES P. RETTIG, in his official capacity as COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 4:18-cv-00779-O

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs and Defendants (collectively, the "parties"), by and through their respective counsel, and pursuant to the Court's order, ECF No. 26, hereby submit the following joint status report:

- 1. On December 6, 2018, this Court issued an order staying this case pending final resolution of a related matter pending before the Court, *Texas*, et al. v. *United States*, et al., No. 7:15-CV-00151-O (N.D. Tex.) ("*Texas I*"). See ECF No. 26. The Court further ordered the parties to submit a Joint Status Report on or before February 19, 2019, addressing "whether the Court ought to maintain this stay." *Id*.
- 2. In *Texas I*, the parties have been working together to facilitate the exchange of documents and information related to the HIPF and to provide periodic updates to the Court on their progress. *See, e.g., Texas I*, ECF No. 129.
- 3. The parties respectfully submit that, in light of the parties' progress in sharing information in *Texas I*, the Court ought to maintain the stay in this case.
 - 4. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court maintain

the stay in this case and order them to file a joint status report on or before May 20, 2019, as to whether this case should remain stayed.

5. Counsel for Plaintiffs authorized Defendants to state that Defendants are filing this status report on behalf of all parties.

Respectfully submitted this the 19th day of February, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that, on February 15, 2019, Plaintiffs' counsel conferred with Defendants' counsel concerning this motion. Defendants advised Plaintiffs that they join the report.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 19, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing document through the Court's ECF system, and will serve a copy of this document with the summons and complaint.

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