## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WICHITA FALLS DIVISION

TEXAS, KANSAS, LOUISIANA, INDIANA, WISCONSIN, and NEBRASKA,	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Plaintiffs,	
v.	9 8 8
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ALEX AZAR, in his Official Capacity as SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AND CHARLES P. RETTIG, in his Official Capacity as COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE,	Civil Action No. 7:15-CV-00151-O
Defendants.	s S

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

Plaintiffs and Defendants (collectively, the "Parties"), by and through their counsel, and pursuant to the Court's order, ECF No. 127, hereby submit the following joint status report:

1. On December 6, 2018, Plaintiffs disclosed to Defendants documents and information related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the State of Texas. On December 11, 2018, Plaintiffs disclosed to Defendants documents and information related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the State of Nebraska. Also on December 11, 2018, Plaintiffs disclosed to Defendants some documents and information related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the State of Indiana,

although the set of documents disclosed did not include relevant IRS Forms 5076C and 8963 for the State of Indiana. On January 16, 2019, Plaintiffs disclosed to Defendants documents and information related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the State of Louisiana.

2. Plaintiffs are still gathering the remaining information and documents that they will disclose to Defendants.

3. On January 29, 2019, Defendants sent to Plaintiffs a set of questions related to the documents and information Plaintiffs disclosed related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the State of Texas. Defendants are still reviewing the documents and information Plaintiffs disclosed related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the States of Indiana, Nebraska, and Louisiana.

4. The Parties respectfully request that they be allowed to continue to work together to facilitate the exchange of information addressed in the Proposed Protective Order and update the Court on their progress by March 1, 2019.

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

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Respectfully submitted this 1st day of February, 2019.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I hereby certify that, on January 31, 2019, Defendants' counsel conferred with Plaintiffs' counsel concerning this joint status report. Plaintiffs advised Defendants that they join the status report.

> <u>/s/ Julie Straus Harris</u> JULIE STRAUS HARRIS

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 1, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing document through the Court's ECF system.

<u>/s/ Julie Straus Harris</u> JULIE STRAUS HARRIS