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

TEXAS, KANSAS, LOUISIANA, INDIANA, WISCONSIN, and NEBRASKA,	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Plaintiffs,	ş
v.	\$ \$
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	§ Civil Action No. 7:15-CV-00151-O
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT	ş
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ALEX AZAR, in his	8
Official Capacity as SECRETARY OF	8 8
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,	Ş
UNITED STATES INTERNAL	Š
REVENUE SERVICE, AND	ş
CHARLES P. RETTIG, in his Official	Ş
Capacity as COMMISSIONER OF	8
INTERNAL REVENUE,	8 8
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. 130, hereby submit the following joint status report:

1. Since the parties' last joint status report filed on February 1, 2019, ECF No. 129, Plaintiffs have disclosed to Defendants additional documents and information related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the plaintiff States. On February 14 and 15, 2019, Plaintiffs disclosed to Defendants additional documents and information related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the State of Indiana. 2. On February 12, 2019, Plaintiffs sent to Defendants initial responses to a set of questions Defendants had posed to Plaintiffs related to the documents and information Plaintiffs disclosed related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the State of Texas.

3. On February 13, 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 Nebraska.

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

5. Defendants are still reviewing the documents and information Plaintiffs disclosed related to the HIPF for 2014, 2015, and 2016 for the States of Indiana and Louisiana.

6. 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 May 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of March, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that, on February 28, 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 March 1, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing document through the Court's ECF system.

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