UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

No. 6:21-cv-00191

State of Texas et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

Before the court is the defendants' unopposed motion for leave to file a combined motion to dismiss and opposition to plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction. Doc. 22. Defendants note that while the local rules disfavor combined filings, there is considerable overlap between the arguments in defendants' motion to dismiss and their response to plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction.

Accordingly, the court finds good cause to grant defendants' motion. Defendants' response (Doc. 23) will be considered as both their opposition to plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction and a motion to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1). The reply and sur-reply page limits are extended to 20 pages each to accommodate additional arguments pertaining to defendants' motion to dismiss. Plaintiffs' reply is now due by noon on August 3, 2021. Defendants' sur-reply is now due by noon on August 5, 2021.

So ordered by the court on July 27, 2021.

United States District Judge