

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

Matthew MORTON, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Thomas J. VILSACK, in his official capacity as  
Secretary of Agriculture, *et al.*

Defendants.

Case No. 3:21-cv-00540-NJR

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's August 18, 2022, text order, ECF No. 71, the Parties jointly submit this status report. The Parties require additional time to determine their respective positions and to confer on the best way to proceed with this litigation. The Parties therefore respectfully propose that they submit a further joint status report on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 23, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing brief using the Court's CM/ECF system, causing a notice of filing to be served upon all counsel of record.

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