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UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF IDAHO

PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREAT NORTH-WEST, HAWAII, ALASKA, INDIANA, KEN-TUCKY, on behalf of itself, its staff, physicians and patients, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RAÚL LABRADOR, in his capacity as the Attorney General of the State of Idaho, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00142-BLW

OPPOSITION TO PLAIN-TIFFS' MOTION TO STRIKE [Dkt. 122] The Court should deny Plaintiffs' motion to strike. Although the local rules require a motion for leave to file for supplemental factual material proffered in support of a party's substantive contentions, Defendants properly proffered these declarations by notice because they relate to a matter of mandatory, rather than discretionary, consideration by the Court: the Court's subject matter jurisdiction. *Arbaugh* v. Y & H Corp., 546 U.S. 500, 514 (2006) (citation omitted); Ex parte McCardle, 74 U.S. (7 Wall.) 506, 514 (1868).

Because the Court has an "independent obligation" to determine its jurisdiction, see Arbaugh, 546 U.S. at 514, and that obligation applies at every stage of proceedings, see TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez, 141 S. Ct. 2190, 2208 (2021), it is necessary for the Court to consider these declarations that cast doubt on whether this case presents a justiciable controversy. And because of that sua sponte duty, materials that call the court's jurisdiction into question are never untimely and never waived. Nevertheless, to the extent the Court determines that the local rules apply, the Court should construe Defendants' notices of supplemental declarations as motions for leave to file, which it should grant for the reasons above.

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DATED: May 5, 2023.

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