

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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CHARLES GRESHAM, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-1900 (JEB)

v.

XAVIER BECERRA, et al.

Defendants.

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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants respectfully submit this joint status report to update the Court on the status of negotiations regarding attorney's fees and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The parties state as follows:

1. On August 24, 2022, this Court held Plaintiffs' deadline to file their motion for attorney's fees and costs in abeyance while the parties discussed whether they could reach a settlement of fees in this case. *See* Minute Order (August 24, 2022).
2. Since then, the parties have continued to explore the possibility of settling fees in this case. The Federal Defendants and Plaintiffs have exchanged several counteroffers. Defendants are currently considering Plaintiffs' most recent counteroffer.
3. The parties have also filed joint requests for extensions of time, requesting 90-day extensions to allow them to continue settlement discussions. For the most recent order, *see* Minute Order (February 21, 2023) (granting request, ECF No. 76, and ordering joint status report by May 22, 2023).
4. The parties respectfully suggest that they be required to file a further joint status report within 45 days, by July 6, 2023, which will update the Court on the parties' settlement

discussions, and, if the parties believe that a settlement cannot be reached, propose a briefing schedule.

Dated: May 22, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

Upon consideration of the parties' joint motion to continue the stay of the deadline by which Plaintiffs must file their motion for attorney's fees and costs, and for good cause shown, the motion is GRANTED. The parties are to file a joint status report on July 6, 2023, which will update the Court on the parties' settlement discussions, and if the parties believe that a settlement cannot be reached, propose a briefing schedule.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2023

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Hon. James E. Boasberg