UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

STATE OF NEW YORK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, STATE OF COLORADO, STATE OF CONNECTICUT, STATE OF DELAWARE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, STATE OF HAWAII, STATE OF ILLINOIS, STATE OF MAINE, STATE OF MARYLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATE OF MINNESOTA, STATE OF NEVADA, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, STATE OF OREGON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, STATE OF VERMONT, and STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-5583-AKH

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUR-REPLY IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' ASSERTION OF MOOTNESS

Plaintiffs respectfully move this Court for leave to file a brief Sur-reply as to Defendants' Assertion of Mootness (ECF No. 180) to address factual developments that have occurred following the Parties' briefing. As the Court is aware, the outcome of the 2024 Presidential election will result in new leadership appointments at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shortly into the new year. Accordingly, Plaintiffs believe it would be helpful to the Court to receive the Parties' positions as to the potential impact of these changes on Plaintiffs'

claims and Defendants' assertion that they are moot. Plaintiffs propose that they be permitted to file a Sur-reply, not to exceed five pages, by November 15, 2024, and that Defendants be permitted to file a response, not to exceed five pages, by November 22, 2024. Defendants consent to this request. A proposed order is also attached.

Dated: November 8, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUR-REPLY & RESPONSE TO SUR-REPLY

The Court having considered Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Leave to File a Sur-Reply, and good cause having been shown, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the motion is GRANTED; and it is further

ORDERED, that Plaintiffs may file a Sur-reply as to Defendants' Assertion of Mootness (ECF No. 180), not to exceed five pages, by November 15, 2024; and it is further

ORDERED, that Defendants may file a response to Plaintiffs' Sur-reply, not to exceed five pages, by November 22, 2024.

| Dated: | |
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| | JUDGE ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN |
| | United States District Judge |