

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

FATMA MAROUF, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALEX AZAR, in his official capacity as  
Secretary of the United States Department of  
Health and Human Services, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 18-cv-378 (APM)

**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Defendants United States Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”); Administration for Children and Families (“ACF”); Office of Refugee Resettlement (“ORR”); Alex Azar, in his official capacity as Secretary of HHS; Steven Wagner, in his official capacity as Acting Assistant Secretary for ACF; and Scott Lloyd, in his official capacity as Director of ORR (collectively the “Federal Defendants”) and Defendant United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (“USCCB”) hereby move for a two week extension of their respective deadlines to respond to the Amended Complaint, ECF No. 21, to May 21, 2018. Based on the proof of service filed by the Plaintiffs on the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, ECF No. 12, the Federal Defendants’ current deadline to respond is May 7, 2018. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2); Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a)(1)(C). USCCB’s current deadline to respond to the Amended Complaint is also May 7, 2018, per this Court’s order. *See* Minute Order, Mar. 27, 2018. Counsel for Plaintiffs represented that they do not oppose this motion.

The requested extensions are appropriate and supported by good cause. Federal Defendants require a brief additional period to consult with relevant government officials and to

prepare and finalize their response to the Amended Complaint. This is Federal Defendants' first request for extension of time, and Federal Defendants do not anticipate any further requests for extension of the response deadline. In light of Federal Defendants' request for extension, USCCB also seeks a commensurate extension of its deadline, which extension is supported by principles of judicial economy and efficiency. The claims against all Defendants are related and maintaining a single deadline for responding to the Amended Complaint will avoid piecemeal litigation of responsive papers, including any motion to dismiss.

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that this Motion be granted and that the deadline for all Defendants to respond to the Amended Complaint be extended by two weeks, to May 21, 2018.

Dated: May 4, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court through the ECF system on May 4, 2018. This system provided a copy to and effected service of this document on all parties.

*/s/ James Powers*

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**[Proposed] ORDER**

Pending before the Court is the Defendants' Motion for Extension of Time. Upon consideration of the Motion and Plaintiffs' lack of opposition and having concluded that the requested extensions are appropriate and supported by good cause, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Motion is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that all Defendants' deadlines to respond to the Amended Complaint, ECF No. 21, are extended and all Defendants shall respond to the Amended Complaint by May 21, 2018.

**SO ORDERED.**

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AMIT P. MEHTA  
United States District Judge  
District of Columbia