

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division**

RICHARD ROE, ET AL.,  
PLAINTIFFS,  
v.

PATRICK M. SHANAHAN, ET AL.,  
DEFENDANTS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:18-cv-01565

NICHOLAS HARRISON, ET AL.,  
PLAINTIFFS,  
v.

PATRICK M. SHANAHAN, ET AL.,  
DEFENDANTS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:18-CV-00641 ✓

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL  
EXHIBITS B and F-L FILED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION  
TO DEFENDANTS' RENEWED MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF OUTSERVE-  
SLDN**

Upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion to file under seal Exhibits B and F-L filed simultaneously with Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Renewed Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff OutServe-SLDN, this Court GRANTS the motion, FINDING that: (1) Plaintiffs provided sufficient notice of the request; (2) that there are no less drastic alternatives than filing Plaintiffs', OutServe members', and Blevins's deposition transcripts, as well as parties' interrogatories and responses, and an OutServe member's declaration under seal along with publicly filed redacted versions; and (3) that there is good cause to keep the pseudonymous Plaintiffs' and OutServe members' identities confidential due to the legitimate risk of stigma and discrimination based upon their HIV status if their identities become public. Under such circumstances, where "the

public's right of access is outweighed by competing interests," the Court "may, in its discretion, seal documents." *In re Knight Pub. Co.*, 743 F.2d 231, 235 (4th Cir. 1984). This order is consistent with the Court's previous orders, ECF No. 42 and ECF No. 69, in which Plaintiffs' exhibits to other motions were filed under seal along with publicly filed redacted versions.

Therefore, it is hereby:

ORDERED that Exhibits B and F-L in support of Plaintiffs' Opposition Defendants' Renewed Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff OutServe-SLDN may remain filed under seal, and that Plaintiffs publicly file redacted versions of Exhibits B and F-L by May 29, 2019.

Entered this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
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Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge