

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

ALLISON DAWN BLIXT and L. Z.-B.	:	
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Plaintiffs,	:	
v.	:	
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The UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, <i>et al.</i>	:	Civ. No. 1:18-cv-00124-EGS
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Defendants.	:	
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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Plaintiffs Allison Dawn Blixt and L. Z.-B., by and through his court-appointed *guardian ad litem* Stefania Zaccari (jointly, “Plaintiffs”), together with Defendants, the United States Department of State (“State Department”) and the Honorable Michael R. Pompeo, in his official capacity as Secretary of State (jointly, “Defendants”; collectively with Plaintiffs, the “Parties”), respectfully file this joint status report in accordance with the Court’s October 30, 2019 Minute Order in the above-captioned action (“Action”).

**I. Status of the Zaccari-Blixt Family**

As Plaintiffs previously informed the Court (ECF Nos. 45, 46), Plaintiff Allison Dawn Blixt was offered and accepted an employment opportunity in the United States in late 2019. The Zaccari-Blixt family therefore has relocated from London, England and now resides in New Jersey. L. Z.-B. was granted lawful permanent residence in the United States as of November 22, 2019.

## II. Recommendation for Further Proceedings

The Parties have been discussing a proposed transfer of the Action to the District of New Jersey (“D.N.J.”), following which Plaintiffs could seek to amend the Complaint, among other things, to assert directly under 8 U.S.C. § 1503(a) (“Section 1503”) a claim for a judgment declaring that L. Z.-B. acquired U.S. citizenship at birth pursuant to Section 301(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (“INA”) (codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1401(g)). Under Section 1503(a), an individual “who is within the United States” and whom the federal government denies a “right or privilege . . . upon the ground that he is not a national of the United States” may “institute an action . . . for a judgment declaring him to be a national of the United States.” 8 U.S.C. § 1503(a). An action brought under Section 1503(a) “shall be filed in the district court of the United States for the district in which such person resides or claims a residence.” *Id.*

Defendants may consent to a transfer of the Action to the D.N.J. under 28 U.S.C. § 1404 upon reviewing the full terms and bases of any proposed motion or stipulation for transfer of the Action.

The parties respectfully recommend and request that the Court continue to stay this case until February 14, 2020, and order the parties to file another joint status report on that date, if no motion or stipulation to transfer has been filed by or before then.

Dated: January 17, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Parties’ joint status report, and for good cause shown, it is HEREBY ORDERED that this case is STAYED until February 14, 2020. The parties are ORDERED to file a joint status report on February 14, 2020, if no motion or stipulation to transfer has been filed by or before then.

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Date

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Emmett G. Sullivan  
United States District Judge