

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

U.S. PASTOR COUNCIL et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMISSION et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 18-0824

DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Defendants respectfully request a one week extension of time to submit a proposed briefing schedule for summary judgment (i.e., until February 8, 2021).

On January 26, 2021, the Court issued an order denying Defendants' motion to dismiss, ECF No. 56, and issued a subsequent order for the parties "to submit a proposed briefing schedule for summary judgment . . . no later than **February 1, 2021**," ECF No. 57. However, just one week before the Court's order, on January 20, 2021, new leadership assumed responsibility for the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission and Department of Justice. To afford these officials sufficient time to become familiar with the issues in this case and to assess the government's strategy in the litigation (for example, whether Defendants may wish to seek jurisdictional discovery prior to briefing summary judgment), Defendants request a one week extension of the deadline to propose a schedule.

Plaintiffs' counsel has stated to the undersigned that Plaintiffs are unopposed to Defendants' request. Accordingly, Plaintiffs would not be prejudiced by this modest extension.

Dated: January 29, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

For the reasons stated in Defendants' Unopposed Motion to Extend Time, the Court grants that motion. The parties must submit a proposed schedule by February 8, 2021.

Dated: _____

REED O'CONNOR
United States District Judge