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2. The Court subsequently granted the relief requested, staying this litigation and ordering the Parties to file the proposed joint status report by May 7, 2021. ECF No. 89.

3. On May 7, 2021, the Parties filed the joint status report that sought a continued stay of this litigation to allow Federal Defendants to continue to actively consider potential avenues for resolution of Plaintiffs' claims without further litigation. ECF No. 90.

4. The Court subsequently granted relief requested, staying this litigation and ordering the Parties to file the proposed joint status report by July 8, 2021. *See* Minute Order, May 9, 2021.

5. The Parties have met and conferred and agree that a continued stay of this litigation is supported by good cause. Federal Defendants continue to actively consider potential avenues for resolution of Plaintiffs' claims without further litigation. A further stay to facilitate those efforts is therefore appropriate and consistent with judicial economy.

6. Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request that the Court continue the stay of proceedings in this case, and instruct the Parties to submit a Joint Status Report no later than August 6, 2021, either proposing a revised briefing schedule for dispositive motions or showing good cause for a continuation of the stay. A proposed order to that effect is attached to this Joint Status Report for the Court's consideration.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of July, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court via the CM/ECF System, which will send notification of the filing to all counsel of record in this matter.

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

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FATMA MAROUF AND BRYN ESPLIN,)	
a married couple,)	
)	
)	
<i>Plaintiffs,</i>)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:18-cv-378 (APM)
)	
XAVIER BECERRA, in his official capacity as)	
Secretary of the UNITED STATES)	
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN)	
SERVICES, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
<i>Defendants.</i>)	
_____)	

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of the Parties’ July 8, 2021, Joint Status Report, and good cause having been shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the report is ADOPTED and proceedings in this case remain STAYED pending further order of the Court. The Parties shall submit a further Joint Status Report no later than August 6, 2021, either proposing a revised schedule or showing good cause for a continued stay of proceedings in this case.

Dated: _____

Amit P. Mehta
United States District Judge