

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

**EQUALITY FLORIDA, et al.,**

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

No. 4:22-cv-134-AW-MJF

**RON DESANTIS, in his official capacity  
as Governor of Florida, et al.,**

*Defendants.*

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Defendants' response to the complaint in this case is currently due tomorrow, April 21, 2022. Plaintiffs have informed Defendants that they wish to have until May 25, 2022 to amend their complaint, including by adding new defendants. Defendants are willing to consent to that deadline under Rule 15(a)(2), and do not believe that it is a good use of the parties' or Court's resources for Defendants to file a response to the original complaint. Defendants therefore respectfully ask the Court to order the following:

- Plaintiffs shall serve their amended complaint no later than May 25, 2022, and the deadline for Plaintiffs to join new defendants shall be the same;
- Defendants shall respond to the amended complaint no later than June 27, 2022; and

- Defendants shall have no obligation to respond to the original complaint.

Undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs and is authorized to represent that Plaintiffs do not oppose this motion. Defendants also note that Plaintiffs have proposed a schedule of further deadlines, which is under consideration.

Plaintiffs state their position as follows: “This litigation should be conducted in a coordinated and efficient manner, especially given the number of parties and the complexity of the issues involved. Accordingly, we have made a comprehensive scheduling proposal to Defendants addressing Defendants’ anticipated motions to dismiss, Plaintiffs’ anticipated preliminary injunction motion, and limited discovery (if any) relating to issues such as the expert testimony to be submitted by Plaintiffs in connection with their motion for a preliminary injunction. Thus far, Defendants have not responded to our proposal. If the parties are unable to reach agreement in a timely manner, we will respectfully request a scheduling conference with the Court so that a schedule can be worked out to allow this case to proceed in an orderly manner.”

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERRAL**

Consistent with Local Rule 7.1(B), undersigned counsel conferred with Plaintiffs in good faith about the relief requested in this motion and is authorized to represent that Plaintiffs do not oppose this motion.

**CERTIFICATE OF WORD COUNT**

Consistent with Local Rule 7.1(F), this motion contains 297 words.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of April, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed with the Court's CM/ECF system, which will provide service to all parties.

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