Pl's Oppo. to Def' Request to Waive oral argument

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Plaintiffs Asia Economic Institute, LLC, Raymond Mobrez, and Iliana Llaneras ("Plaintiffs") hereby oppose Defendants' Request to Waive Oral Argument on the following grounds:

- Plaintiffs request oral argument on their opposition to the motion for summary judgment.
- Plaintiffs do and have oppose Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment. Plaintiffs filed declarations, request for judicial notice and a separate statement in opposition, and intend to file a Rule 56(f) motion and brief.
- Defendants requested Plaintiffs to delay seeking Rule 56(f) relief, until after Defendants had filed their motion for summary judgment. Plaintiffs honored the request.
- Defendants agreed to shortened notice on Plaintiffs' contemplated motion under Rule 56(f) so as to preserve the November 1, 2010 hearing date.
- Defendants filed 3 additional motions during the one week that Plaintiffs were given to file their opposition to the motion for summary judgment that were not expressly ordered by the Court: an anti-SLAPP motion to strike [DN-153] which this Court has previously denied, and two Rule 11 motions [DN-157, DN-158] the Defendants previously withdrew and were stricken, respectively. There is no urgency on the Rule 11 motions.
- Defendants filed a previous Rule 11 motion [DN-135], which Plaintiffs briefed and opposed [DN-141]. On September 29, 2010, Defendants withdrew the fully briefed Rule 11 motion [DN-155][156] and re-filed it the next day, September 30, 2010 [DN-157].
- This Court had previously stricken Defendants' other Rule 11 motion. [DN-139]. Defendants refilled the previously stricken Rule 11 motion on September 30, 2010. [DN-158].
- Defendants' tactics are oppressive and appear calculated to deprive
 Plaintiffs from an adjudication on the merits.

- Plaintiffs made a reasonable request for a brief extension of time to respond to these four motions, and Defendants unreasonable refused to consent to a one-week extension for the brief on the motion for summary judgment.
- Defendants will not be prejudiced, as Defendants' four motions will be heard on November 1, 2010, along with Plaintiffs' contemplated motion under Rule 56(f) to deny or continue the motion for summary judgment.
- Plaintiffs will and hereby do apply formally for a one week enlargement of time to file the opposition brief on the motion for summary judgment and will move to set aside any default if so required.

Dated: October 6, 2010 Respectfully Submitted,

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