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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AGUEDA GALVAN, individually and as guardian ad litem for SOPHIA ARCE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; GOLDEN VALLEY HEALTH CENTER; REBECCA BROCK, M.D.; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

1:12-cv-01698-AWI-MJS

ORDER PERMITTING SURREPLY

The Court refers the parties to previous orders for a complete chronology of the proceedings. On December 19, 2012, defendant United States of America ("the government") filed a motion to dismiss the complaint or for summary judgment in the alternative. On January 24, 2013, plaintiff Agueda Galvan, individually and presumably as guardian ad litem for Sophia Arce, a minor ("Plaintiffs"), filed an opposition to the government's motion. The government filed its reply to Plaintiffs' opposition on February 4, 2013. The Court, having reviewed the pleadings of record and all competent and admissible evidence submitted, finds the government's motion relies principally on arguments and evidence raised only on reply. Ordinarily, the Court would have discretion to disregard the foregoing, as " '[a]rguments raised for the first time in a reply brief are waived.'"

Autotel v. Nevada Bell Telephone Co., 697 F.3d 846, 852 n. 3 (9th Cir.2012) (quoting Turtle Island Restoration Network v. U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 672 F.3d 1160, 1166 n. 8 (9th Cir.2012)). In this case, however, the arguments pertain to alleged defects in the Court's subject matter jurisdiction and are therefore not waivable. Northwest Environmental Defense Center v. Brown, 640 F.3d 1063, 1068 (9th Cir. 2011). Accordingly, the Court finds good cause to allow Plaintiffs the opportunity to file a surreply. Plaintiffs shall have leave to file a surreply by 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 8, 2013.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:

March 11, 2013

SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE

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