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 8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

<p>10 DANIEL KIM, et al.,          11          12          13 UNITED STATES,          14          15</p>	<p>Plaintiffs,          v.          Defendant.</p>	<p>CASE NO. 1:16-CV-01656-NONE-SKO          ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CONTINUE          TEMPORARY STAY OF DISCOVERY          (Doc. 72)          JUDGE: Hon. Sheila K. Oberto</p>
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16 Pending before the Court is the parties’ joint request to continue the temporary stay of discovery.  
 17 (Doc. 72.) Good cause appearing, the request is GRANTED.

18 On January 28, 2021, the parties participated in a mediation with a private mediator. Although  
 19 the case did not settle at the mediation, the parties have remained engaged in good faith settlement  
 20 discussions with the assistance of the mediator since that time and continue to negotiate in good faith.  
 21 The parties advise the Court that they believe the most productive way forward is to continue to focus on  
 22 settlement discussions rather than conducting discovery. A continuance of the discovery stay is  
 23 necessary to avoid any question about whether the parties should also have been conducting discovery  
 24 simultaneously with their settlement efforts and to avoid the expense of discovery that may become  
 25 unnecessary. No party will be prejudiced by the requested continuance, which is of a modest duration.  
 26 If the case does not settle, the parties can resume discovery after the stay expires.

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1           Accordingly, the Court orders that the stay of all discovery in this matter is CONTINUED until  
2 December 30, 2021. On or before that date, the parties SHALL file a joint status report detailing the  
3 status of their mediation efforts and proposing a schedule for the prompt resumption of discovery.

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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

6 Dated: August 25, 2021

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE