1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 7 8 9 TREAUNA L. TURNER, Case No. 1:21-cv-01721-JLT-BAM (PC) 10 Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT FREEMAN'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR 11 AN INITIAL EXTENSION OF TIME TO v. RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF'S FIRST 12 PALLARES, et al., AMENDED COMPLAINT 13 Defendants. (ECF No. 45) 14 **Defendant Freeman's Response to First** Amended Complaint Due: June 9, 2023 15 16 Plaintiff Treauna L. Turner ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma 17 pauperis in this civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This action proceeds on Plaintiff's first amended complaint against Defendants Showalter and Mitchell for deliberate indifference to 18 19 medical care in violation of the Eighth Amendment and against Defendants Showalter, Mitchell, 20 and Freeman for negligence (medical malpractice).¹ Defendant Freeman was personally served on April 28, 2023. (ECF No. 44.) Defendant 21 22 Freeman's response to the first amended complaint was therefore due on or before May 19, 2023. Currently before the Court is Defendant Freeman's ex parte application for an initial 23 24 extension of time to respond to Plaintiff's first amended complaint, filed May 15, 2023. (ECF No. 45.) Plaintiff has not had the opportunity to respond to the motion, but the Court finds no 25 26 ¹ Defendants Showalter and Mitchell's March 14, 2023 motion to dismiss Plaintiff's state law 27 claims for failure to comply with the Government Claims Act, (ECF No. 30), is pending before 28 the Court.

need for a response. The motion is deemed submitted. Local Rule 203(1).

In support of the motion, counsel for Defendant Freeman states that while Defendant Freeman was served with the first amended complaint on April 28, 2023, the lawsuit was referred to their office on May 2, 2023. (ECF No. 45, p. 2.) Since receiving the first amended complaint, counsel has reviewed and analyzed the Court's docket and the first amended complaint and determined that additional time will be needed to provide a meaningful response. In addition, since Defendant Freeman's involvement with Plaintiff in 2014, she has changed residences and left the pathology group where the biopsy specimen at issue is located. Counsel therefore requests a twenty-one (21) day extension of time, up to and including June 9, 2023, to file a response to the first amended complaint. (*Id.*)

The Court, having considered the request, finds good cause to grant the requested extension of time. Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b). The Court further finds that Plaintiff will not be prejudiced by the requested extension.

The Court also notes that Defendant Freeman's motion was served on Plaintiff at her current address of record using the CDCR number "We-519." (ECF No. 45, p. 4.) Defendant Freeman is advised that to ensure proper receipt of mail at Plaintiff's institution, Plaintiff's full CDCR number, WE-0519, should be used in all future correspondence.

Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Defendant Freeman's ex parte application for an initial extension of time to file a response to the first amended complaint, (ECF No. 45), is GRANTED; and
- 2. Defendant Freeman shall file and serve a response to Plaintiff's first amended complaint on or before June 9, 2023.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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