



1 to file a notice of appeal and to put his case on hold until he obtains counsel. EFC No. 54. The  
2 court does not find that the interests of justice would be served by the appointment of counsel at  
3 the present time and the motion will be denied. Further, the court will not put petitioner's case on  
4 an indefinite "hold" until he obtains counsel and the request to put a hold on this case will be  
5 construed as a request for an extension of time. EFC No. 54. The court will grant petitioner a  
6 fourteen-day extension of time to file a reply to respondent's opposition to his motion for an  
7 extension of time to file a notice of appeal (EFC No. 50). Petitioner is reminded that he needs to  
8 respond to respondent's opposition (ECF No. 50), not to the court order filed on January 30, 2018  
9 (EFC No. 52).

10 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 11 1. Petitioner's motion to proceed in forma pauperis (EFC No. 47) is denied because he  
12 has a motion for in forma pauperis status pending in the Ninth Circuit;
- 13 2. Petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel (EFC No. 54) is denied;
- 14 3. Petitioner's request to put his case on hold is construed as a motion for an extension of  
15 time (EFC No. 54) and is granted; and
- 16 4. Petitioner is granted fourteen days from the service of this order in which to reply to  
17 respondent's opposition to his motion for an extension of time to file a notice of appeal.

18 DATED: March 6, 2018

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21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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