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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 9 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE  
 COMPANY OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 LATOUR BARTHOLOMEW, an  
 15 individual; COTIS CHARLES  
 16 CHILDS, an individual; and DOES 1 to  
 10, inclusive,

17 Defendants.

Case No. 2:17-cv-00227-JAM-KJN

**STIPULATION FOR EXTENSION  
 OF TIME FOR DEFENDANTS TO  
 FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS  
 TO THE COMPLAINT IN  
 INTERPLEADER; ORDER**

**Complaint served: 02/08/2017**  
**Current Response Date: 04/10/2017**  
**New Response Date: 07/21/2017**

19 Plaintiff The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (“Guardian”) and Defendants Latour Bartholomew (“Bartholomew”) and Cotis Charles Childs (“Childs”) (collectively “Defendants”), through their respective counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

23 1. Both Defendant Bartholomew and Defendant Childs have agreed to  
 24 accept service by waiver of service of summons. The service date for both  
 25 defendants is February 8, 2017, with responsive pleading due on April 10, 2017.  
 26 However, Defendants have agreed to a settlement and are seeking approval through  
 27 their pending probate court action. Plaintiff Guardian has agreed to stipulate to  
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1 the extension of Defendants' responsive pleading to the new requested deadline of  
2 July 21, 2017.

3 2. Guardian and Defendants hereby stipulate and agree, subject to the  
4 Court's approval, that each Defendant shall have an extension up to and including  
5 July 21, 2017, within which to file responsive pleadings to the Complaint in  
6 Interpleader.

7 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

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9 Dated: June \_\_\_\_, 2017

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12 By: /s/ Keiko J. Kojima  
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16 Dated: June \_\_\_\_, 2017

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**ORDER**

Having considered the parties' stipulation, and good cause appearing, IT IS  
HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants LaTour Bartholomew and Cotis Charles  
Childs shall have an extension of time to file their respective responsive pleadings  
to the Complaint in Interpleader by no later than July 21, 2017.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 6/23/2017

/s/ John A. Mendez  
Honorable John A. Mendez  
United States District Court Judge