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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

4 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO DIVISION

5 VITAL DISTRIBUTIONS, LLC, a California  
6 limited liability company,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 PEPPERIDGE FARM, INCORPORATED, a  
0 Connecticut corporation,

1 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:22-cv-00319-MCE-CKD

**REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM  
COURT'S MARCH 22, 2024 ORDER  
(ECF No. 82);**

**ORDER**

1 TO THE COURT, ALL PARTIES, AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

2 Plaintiff Vital Distributions, LLC ("Vital") respectfully requests that the Court excuse  
3 attorney of record Tory E. Griffin from attending the March 28, 2024, hearing on Vital's Motion  
4 for Preliminary Injunction.

5 Mr. Griffin is lead counsel in an ongoing jury trial in Sacramento County Superior Court  
6 in the matter *Environmental Stewardship Foundation v. Vrame*, Case No. 34-2016-00201850.  
7 Mr. Griffin's jury trial commenced March 11, 2024, and thus, Mr. Griffin has been in trial since  
8 Pepperidge Farm purported to terminate and buyout Vital on the night of Friday, March 15, 2024.

1 Mr. Griffin’s jury trial is pending before the Hon. Kenneth C. Mennemeier, and is set for  
2 six-to-eight weeks. Mr. Griffin is in trial Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
3 Mr. Griffin will be in trial on March 28, 2024, and is thus unable to attend the hearing in this  
4 matter.

5 Accordingly, Vital requests the Court excuse Mr. Griffin from attending the hearing  
6 before this Court on March 28, 2024. Vital’s other counsel, Jake C. Weaver and Avalon Johnson  
7 Fitzgerald, will appear for Vital and are familiar with this matter.

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9 Dated: March 25, 2024

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11 By:                                   /s/ Jake C. Weaver                                    
12 JAKE C. WEAVER  
13 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
14 VITAL DISTRIBUTIONS, LLC

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16 **ORDER**

17 Good cause appearing, the Court hereby excuses Tory E. Griffin, counsel for Plaintiff  
18 Vital Distributions, LLC, from appearing at the March 28, 2024, hearing on Plaintiff’s Motion for  
19 Preliminary Injunction.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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22 Dated: March 25, 2024

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25 MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.  
26 SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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