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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GO DADDY OPERATING COMPANY,
LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

USMAN GHAZNAVI, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 17-cv-06545-PJH

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO FILE
UNDER SEAL**

Re: Dkt. No. 98

Before the court is defendants' motion to file portions of a joint motion to dismiss and a proposed order dismissing the action under seal. Dkt. 98. The general presumption in favor of public access to federal court records can be overcome only for compelling reasons when the motion at issue is more than tangentially related to the merits of a case. Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC, 809 F.3d 1092, 1101 (9th Cir. 2016). The motion at issue, which requests dismissal of the entire action, is core to the merits of the case, so defendants must provide compelling reasons to file associated materials under seal. Defendants have failed to do so. Defendants' motion to seal is accordingly DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 22, 2019



PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON
United States District Judge