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15 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al.;**  
 16 Plaintiffs,  
 17 v.  
 18 **DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official**  
 19 **capacity as President of the United States of**  
 20 **America, et al.;**  
 21 Defendants.

**JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION  
 FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC  
 REFERRAL TO THE ADR MULTI-  
 OPTION PROGRAM**

Case No. 4:19-cv-00872-HSG

22 **SIERRA CLUB and SOUTHERN**  
 23 **BORDER COMMUNITIES COALITION;**  
 24 Plaintiffs,  
 25 v.  
 26 **DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the**  
 27 **United States, in his official capacity, et al.;**  
 28 Defendants.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-11 and ADR Local Rule 3-3(c) the parties jointly request that the Court excuse them from automatic mandatory participation in the Court’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Multi-Option Program (“ADRMOP” or “Alternative Dispute Resolution Program”).

**DISCUSSION**

Counsel for the parties have reviewed the Court’s handbook entitled “Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures Handbook,” as well as the Court’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) Local Rules. The parties have further conferred, and are in agreement that the nature of the instant suit—which challenges Defendants’ diversion of federal funding for construction of a wall on the southern border between the United States and Mexico—renders it a poor fit for inclusion in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, in that the issues presented are not amenable to resolution by any of the various process offered by the ADMOP. Accordingly, the parties respectfully and jointly request relief from the Court’s automatic and mandatory referral to that program, and specifically that their participation in the ADRMOP be excused. The parties respectfully submit that the requested relief will appropriately conserve the time and resources not only of the parties themselves, but also of the staff of the Court’s ADR Unit.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, the parties respectfully request that the Court grant their joint administrative motion for relief from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.

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**ATTESTATION OF SIGNATURES**

I, Lee I. Sherman, hereby attest, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 5-1(i)(3) of the Northern District of California, that concurrence in the filing of this document has been obtained from each signatory hereto.

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