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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE AUGUSTA DIV. SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA AUGUSTA DIVISION

SHERECIA WILLIS, Individually and as Next Friend, Parent, and \* Natural Guardian of Minor Child, \* CW, Plaintiff, v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

Defendants.

## ORDER

Before the Court is Defendant United States of America's motion to stay. (Doc. 171.) On December 21, 2018, appropriations for funding the Department of Justice ("DOJ") and other Federal Government operations lapsed causing a partial government shutdown. Because the DOJ is prohibited from engaging in its duties - including litigation activities - without appropriations, see 31 U.S.C. §§ 1341(a)(1)(B), 1342, Defendant United States of America seeks a stay of this action and an extension of all deadlines. Upon due consideration, the motion to stay (Doc. 171) is GRANTED. This case is hereby STAYED until the DOJ's funding is restored, and all pending deadlines in this matter, if any, are extended for the same number of days as the DOJ's lapse in funding.

ORDER ENTERED at Augusta, Georgia, this  $26^{4}$  day of December,

2018.

J. RANDAL HALL, CHIEF JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA