

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**CHRISTOPHER M. HORTON,**  
**Petitioner,**

**v.**

**No. 3:17-00023-DRH**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**  
**Respondent.**

**ORDER**

**HERNDON, District Judge:**

Before the Court is frequent pro se litigator Christopher Horton's Motion for Reconsideration of Leave to File Reply to the Government's Response<sup>1</sup> (Doc. 16). Per Local Rule 7.1, "*[r]epley briefs are not favored and should be filed only in exceptional circumstances. The party filing the reply brief shall state the exceptional circumstances.*" SDIL-LR 7.1. A simple desire to respond to the opposing party's argument is not sufficient. As such, Horton's Motion for Reconsideration fails to demonstrate circumstances which warrant a reply. Accordingly, the Motion for Reconsideration (Doc. 16) is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed this 20th day of July, 2017.

*David R. Herndon*



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Judge David R. Herndon  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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<sup>1</sup> On June 7, 2017, this Court entered an order denying Horton's Motion for Leave to File a Reply (Doc. 13).