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On November 21, 2012, plaintiff filed his reply. (Doc. # 57). Reply briefs are optional and not mandatory, but if one is to be filed, it must be filed by the deadlines set forth. However, in good faith, the court has reviewed plaintiff's untimely reply.¹

After having reviewed the reply and considered the contents therein, the court's order denying the preliminary injunction (doc. # 51) stands.

II. Motion to extend time to respond (doc. # 60)

Second, plaintiff requests an extension of time to file an opposition to defendants' partial motion to dismiss (doc. #27). Defendant represents that he has not been served a copy of the motion. Although the court has already *sua sponte* granted a one-month extension of time for defendant to respond, the court finds that additional time is warranted.

III. **Conclusion**

Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that plaintiff's motion for order to permit reply to defendants' opposition (doc. # 59) be, and the same hereby is, GRANTED.²

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to extend time to respond (doc. # 60) be, and the same hereby is, GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendants serve another copy of the partial motion to dismiss (doc. # 27) on plaintiff on or before December 3, 2012. To comply, defendants need only mail the motion to plaintiff by this date.

¹ Plaintiff represents that he did not receive defendants' opposition until November 7, 2012. (Doc. #57, 2:4-7). The court is aware of the sluggish pace at which correspondence is received and sent through the prison mail system. And the court has afforded a generous amount of time to accommodate these circumstances (as demonstrated by this court sua sponte

providing plaintiff with an additional month to respond to defendant's partial motion to dismiss).

² The reply was filed as doc. # 57. The court has considered the reply and finds that its current order on the preliminary injunction (doc. # 51) stands.

| 1 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff shall have up to, and including, January 31, 2013, to |
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| 2 | file an opposition. ³ The opposition will be considered filed on the date of mailing. |
| 3 | Dated November 28, 2012. |
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| 6 | UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE |
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³ The court bases this deadline upon prior history in this case.