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VIA ECF Honorable Valerie E. Caproni United States District Judge Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

> Re: National Organization for Women-New York City v. U.S. Department of Defense, et al., 23 Civ. 6750 (VEC)

Dear Judge Caproni:

This Office and the Department of Justice's Civil Division represent defendants U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (together, "Defendants") in the above-referenced action commenced by plaintiff National Organization for Women-New York City ("Plaintiff"). We write respectfully to request a one-week extension of the parties' joint status report, as required by the Court's Opinion and Order dated October 31, 2024 (ECF No. 79), from November 29, 2024, to **December 6, 2024**. The parties met and conferred on November 21, 2024. The extension is requested to allow Defendants additional time to confer about next steps in light of the matters discussed with Plaintiff and given absences associated with this week's Thanksgiving holiday. This is Defendants' first request for an extension of the joint status report deadline. Plaintiff consents to this request.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application GRANTED. The parties' deadline to file a status report pursuant to the Court's Order at Dkt. 79 is ADJOURNED from Friday, November 29, 2024, to **Friday**, **December 6, 2024**.

SO ORDERED.

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HON. VALERIE CAPRONI UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE