

The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

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10 RAJU A.T. DAHLSTROM,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 UNITED STATES, *et al.*,

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15 Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:16-cv-01874-RSL

STIPULATED MOTION TO STAY
PROCEEDINGS DUE TO LAPSE
IN APPROPRIATIONS
AND ORDER

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17 **STIPULATED MOTION FOR A STAY DUE TO LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS**

18 COMES NOW the parties, by and through counsel, and jointly move for a stay of
19 all proceedings, except the individual defendants' motion for summary judgment (Dkt.
20 No. 82) noted for January 25, 2019. The stay is requested in light of the lapse of
21 government appropriations that funds the Department of Justice ("Department").
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24 1. At the end of the day on December 21, 2018, the appropriations act that had
25 been funding the Department expired and appropriations to the Department lapsed. The
26 lapse has continued for thirty-three days and the Government does not know when
27 funding will be restored by Congress.
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1 2. Absent an appropriation, Department attorneys are prohibited from working,
2 even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances, including “emergencies
3 involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.” 31 U.S.C. § 1342.
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5 3. The parties have conferred and agree that all proceedings in this matter should
6 be stayed in light of Government counsel’s inability to participate in the proceedings until
7 appropriations are restored. However, the parties also agree that the individual
8 defendants’ motion for summary judgment (Dkt. No. 82), noted for January 25, 2019,
9 may proceed upon written briefing. If oral argument and/or any type of discovery or
10 additional briefing is granted by the Court, then Government counsel wishes to be able to
11 fully participate. However, the Government has not taken a position or filed a response to
12 the individual defendants’ motion for summary judgment and does not need to participate
13 in that motion based upon the briefing filed to date.
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17 4. Therefore, the Government, with Plaintiff’s agreement, is requesting a stay of
18 all proceedings, except as indicated above, until Congress has restored appropriations to
19 the Department.
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21 5. If this motion for a stay is granted, Government counsel will notify the Court as
22 soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department.
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24 Therefore, although we regret any disruption caused to the Court and other
25 litigants, the parties hereby move for a stay of proceedings until Department attorneys are
26 permitted to resume their usual civil litigation functions.
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1 DATED this 23rd day of January, 2019.

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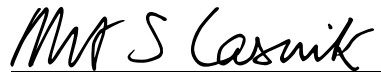
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1 **ORDER**

2 Pursuant to the parties' motion, and the parties having stipulated and agreed, it is
3 hereby **ORDERED** that all proceedings in this matter, except the individual defendants'
4 motion for summary judgment (Dkt. No. 82) and its related pleadings, are stayed until
5 Department of Justice attorneys are permitted to resume their usual civil litigation
6 functions. However, should the Court direct or permit oral argument, and/or any type of
7 discovery, and/or additional briefing, relating to the individual defendants' motion for
8 summary judgment (Dkt. No. 82), the United States may request to fully participate and
9 additional orders may be entered, if and as appropriate.
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12 Dated this 24th day of January, 2019.
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15 Robert S. Lasnik
16 United States District Judge

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