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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 COLIN BANCROFT,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE  
14 COMPANY,

15 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-1312JLR

ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
TO SEAL

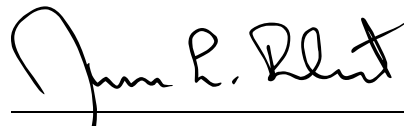
16 Before the court is Plaintiff Colin Bancroft's motion to file under seal certain  
17 documents upon which he relied in support of his motion to compel further discovery  
18 from Defendant Minnesota Life Insurance Company ("Minnesota Life"). (MTS (Dkt. #  
19 53); *see also* 6/15/18 Crowe Ltr. (Dkt. # 56) (describing discovery dispute); 6/15/18  
20 Crowe Decl. (Dkt. ## 54 (redacted), 55 (sealed)).) In the motion to seal, Mr. Bancroft  
21 states that although he does not agree that the documents at issue should be sealed,  
22 pursuant to the stipulated protective order, he is required to file a motion to seal the

1 documents under Local Rule LCR 5(g)(3). (MTS at 2 (citing Local Rules W.D. Wash.  
2 LCR 5(g)(3)(B)); *see also* Stip. Protective Order (Dkt. # 28) ¶ 4.3.)

3 Minnesota Life responds that the court should maintain the seal on the documents  
4 at issue. (Resp. (Dkt. # 59).) Minnesota Life asserts that those documents should remain  
5 under seal because they contain medical and financial information of non-parties. (*Id.* at  
6 3.) Where documents are submitted in support of a non-dispositive motion, the party  
7 seeking to protect the documents under seal need only show “good cause” for doing so.  
8 *See Kamakana v. City and Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1177-79 (9th Cir. 2006).  
9 The court has reviewed Minnesota Life’s response to Mr. Bancroft’s motion (*see* Resp.),  
10 as well as the sealed documents at issue (*see* Dkt. # 55). The court concludes that  
11 Minnesota Life has met the “good cause” standard for maintaining the documents under  
12 seal.

13 Accordingly, the court GRANTS the motion (Dkt. # 53) and DIRECTS the clerk  
14 to maintain the seal on docket number 55.

15 Dated this 12th day of July, 2018.

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18 JAMES L. ROBART  
19 United States District Judge  
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