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1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 5 6 PETER J. MCDANIELS, 7 CASE NO. C15-5943BHS-DWC Plaintiff, 8 ORDER DENYING v. PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR 9 RECONSIDERATION BELINDA STEWART, et al., 10 Defendants. 11 12 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Peter McDaniels's ("McDaniels") 13 motion for reconsideration. Dkt. 175. 14 On March 7, 2011, the Court adopted the Honorable David W. Christel's Report 15 and Recommendation ("R&R") and denied McDaniels's renewed motion for a 16 preliminary injunction. Dkt. 174. On March 9, 2017, McDaniels moved for 17 reconsideration. Dkt. 175. McDaniels asserts that his religious rights are being violated 18 by Defendants because they refuse to tailor a therapeutic diet program so that it satisfies 19 his religious dietary restrictions, despite the availability of a separate nontherapeutic 20 Halal diet. The Court adopted the R&R over McDaniels's objections, because McDaniels 21 has failed to show a likelihood of irreparable harm. 22

| 1 | In his motion for reconsideration, McDaniels has failed to present legal authority |
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| 2 | that the Court did not already consider when adopting the R&R. The Court already |
| 3 | understands that McDaniels is arguing that he has a constitutional right to a Halal version |
| 4 | of the "metabolic diet," not a "mainline diet." McDaniels has also reemphasized in his |
| 5 | motion that (1) he no longer has funds to purchase supplemental food, 1 (2) he has already |
| 6 | consumed all the food that was sent to him by his brother, and (3) he is not receiving |
| 7 | additional food from fellow inmates. By arguing these points in his motion for |
| 8 | reconsideration, McDaniels has indicated that there are less alternative options for |
| 9 | supplemental food than contemplated in the R&R or the Court's previous order. But none |
| 10 | of McDaniels's arguments or factual assertions weaken the underlying premise of the |
| 11 | R&R adopted by the Court. See Dkt. 163 at 7. ("Although the meat on the metabolic diet |
| 12 | is not Halal, Plaintiff has access to Halal meat [and] any of the diets offered to |
| 13 | Plaintiff provide sufficient calories and satisfy nutritional requirements."). Accordingly, |
| 14 | Plaintiff has failed to show that the alleged wrongs of Defendants are causing him |
| 15 | irreparable harm. |
| 16 | McDaniels has therefore failed to show manifest error in the Court's prior order, |
| 17 | see Local Rules, W.D. Wash. LCR 7(h)(1), and the Court DENIES his motion for |
| 18 | reconsideration. |
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| 22 | ¹ Plaintiff's statements in his motion suggests that the \$6,000 in his "Hajj fund" is not money that is available to him for use at the commissary. <i>See</i> Dkt. 175 at 8–9; Dkt. 141 at 3–4. |

| 1 | IT IS SO ORDERED. |
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| 5 | BENJAMIN H. SETTLE United States District Judge |
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