

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

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The State of California, et al.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs-Appellees,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Alex M. Azar II, in his official capacity as	)	
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and	)	
Human Services, et al.,	)	
	)	Nos. 18-15144,
Defendants-Appellants,	)	18-15166,
	)	18-15255
and	)	
	)	
The Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan	)	
Residence,	)	
	)	
Intervenor-Defendant-Appellant,	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
March for Life Education and Defense Fund,	)	
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Intervenor-Defendant-Appellant.	)	
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**Joint Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Supplemental Brief  
Addressing Effect of Religious and Moral Exemption Final Rules**

For the reasons stated below, all the parties to these appeals jointly request the Court to extend the time for filing simultaneous supplemental briefs addressing the effect of recently issued religious and moral exemption final rules on these appeals by eight days, to and including November 16, 2018.

1. On October 25, 2018, the Court directed the parties to file simultaneous supplemental briefs fourteen days after that date addressing the status of the rules in question; when they are likely to be published in the Federal Register; and whether the present appeals will become moot when the rules become final.

2. In response to the first two questions, on November 7, 2018, the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor, and the Treasury issued final rules. The rules are available for public inspection at <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/current>, and are scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on November 15, 2018.

3. Because the rules were made publicly available only one day before the current due date for the simultaneous supplemental briefs the Court ordered on October 25, the parties jointly request the Court to extend the time for the parties to address the effect of the final rules on these appeals by eight days, to and including November 16, 2018. The extension is necessary for the parties to review the final rules and meaningfully assess their effect on these appeals.

The parties appreciate the Court's assistance in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on this 8th day of November, 2018, I filed the foregoing Motion by use of the Court's CM/ECF system. Service of the Motion will be made on counsel by that system.

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