

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

RONNIE MAURICE STEWART, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 1:18-cv-152 (JEB)
	)	
ALEX M. AZAR II, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**KENTUCKY’S RESPONSE TO THE  
FEDERAL DEFENDANTS’ MOTION TO STAY**

The Commonwealth of Kentucky does not oppose the federal defendants’ alternative request for a 10-day extension of all briefing deadlines, but at this time opposes a stay of this case. The Commonwealth’s Section 1115 waiver is scheduled to take effect on April 1, 2019, and the Commonwealth is actively working toward that go-live date. The Commonwealth prefers that this action, and any appeal, be resolved sooner rather than later. Because a 10-day extension of all briefing deadlines provides somewhat more flexibility to keep this case moving than does an open-ended stay, the Commonwealth, for now, opposes a stay of this case and supports a 10-day extension of all briefing deadlines, with the option to revisit the necessity of a stay should appropriations continue to lapse.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on January 17, 2019 I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court by using the CM/ECF system, which will send an electronic notice to counsel of record.

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