

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA**

THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS OF MERCY,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALEX M. AZAR, Secretary of the United
States Department of Health and Human
Service, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 3:16-cv-386

CATHOLIC BENEFITS ASSOCIATION,
et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALEX M AZAR, Secretary of the United
States Department of Health and Human
Service, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 3:16-cv-432

**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR DEFENDANTS
TO ANSWER PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED COMPLAINTS**

Defendants respectfully ask that the Court extend the current deadline for Defendants to answer the Amended Complaints in the above-captioned cases by thirty days, until March 4, 2021.

On January 19, 2021, the Court granted in part and denied in part Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' claims in these cases. In its Memorandum and Order, the Court explained that it would "set a status conference with the parties in the coming days to discuss resolution of the remaining claims." Memorandum and Order at 57, ECF No. 124. Under Rule 12(a)(4)(A) of the

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants' answers as to the remaining claims in Plaintiffs' Amended Complaints are currently due on February 2, 2021. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(4)(A). Defendants respectfully ask that the Court postpone the current deadline by thirty days, until March 4, 2021, to allow the parties and the Court an opportunity to consider next steps in this litigation, as contemplated by the Court's Memorandum and Order.

Undersigned counsel contacted counsel for Plaintiffs in these matters to obtain their positions regarding this motion, and Plaintiffs' counsel informed the undersigned that Plaintiffs do not oppose the requested extension.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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