

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRICK GARLAND, in his official capacity as
Attorney General, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:23-cv-00034-H

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STAY

Defendants move to temporarily stay further proceedings in this case pending resolution of Defendants' Motion to Transfer Venue, ECF No. 9. In support of this motion, the Court is respectfully referred to Defendants' accompanying brief. A proposed order accompanies this motion.

CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that on March 2, 2023, undersigned counsel conferred with counsel for Plaintiff regarding this motion and was informed that Plaintiff opposes Defendants' motion to stay.

Dated: March 2, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on March 2, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of Court using this Court's CM/ECF system, which will notify all counsel of record of such filing.

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STAY**

Upon consideration of Defendants' Motion to Stay, it is ORDERED that:

- Defendants' Motion is GRANTED;
- The case is STAYED pending resolution of Defendants' Motion to Transfer Venue, ECF No. 9; and
- If the Court denies Defendants' pending Motion to Transfer Venue, the Parties shall confer and file a joint status report within 14 days of the Court's ruling proposing a deadline for Defendants' response to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

Honorable James Wesley Hendrix
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE