IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PATSY WIDAKUSWARA, et al.,

Case No. 25-cv-1015-RCL

Plaintiffs,

-v.-

KARI LAKE et al.,

Defendants.

MICHAEL ABRAMOWITZ et al.,

Case No. 25-cv-00887-RCL

Plaintiffs,

-v.-

KARI LAKE et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' JOINT NOTICE TO COURT REGARDING DEADLINES

On September 29, 2025, this Court ordered Defendants to file with the Court "a plan for compliance with prong (3) of the preliminary injunction" by October 14, 2025. Order, ECF No. 164 at 18 in 1:25-cv-1015-RCL. The Court also ordered Plaintiffs to file any reply by today, October 21.

On October 1, the federal government's appropriations lapsed and, in response, Chief Judge Boasberg issued Standing Order No. 25-55, which generally stays the government's civil deadlines pending funding of the federal government.

On October 7, 2025, counsel for Defendants contacted counsel for the Plaintiffs notifying them that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and the Department of Justice

have not been permitted to work on the above-captioned cases due to the lapse in appropriations. Plaintiffs responded on October 8 with their view that Defendants should notify this Court of any intention not to meet the Court's October 14 deadline, to resolve any ambiguity regarding the application of Paragraph 3 of Standing Order No. 25-55 which declined to extend the United States' deadlines to respond to motions for temporary restraining orders or preliminary injunctions. Defendants did not respond to that email. On October 14, Plaintiffs reiterated their view that Defendants should notify this Court of their intention not to meet the October 14 filing deadline. Defendants again did not respond to that email and did not file anything with this Court on October 14 or since.

Given the Defendants' purported inability to work on these cases during the government shutdown, Plaintiffs have nothing to respond to today. Assuming Defendants file their plan based on the deadlines set forth in Paragraph 1 of Standing Order No. 25-55, Plaintiffs will file their reply within seven days thereafter (the number of days accorded Plaintiffs to reply by this Court's September 29 Order).

Dated: October 21, 2025

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