

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

PATRICK J. COLLINS; MARCUS J. LIOTTA;  
WILLIAM M. HITCHCOCK,  
Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; FEDERAL  
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY; SANDRA L.  
THOMPSON; JANET YELLEN,  
Defendants-Appellees,

No. 22-20632

**CONSENT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE  
ANSWERING BRIEFS**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 27 and Fifth Circuit Rule 17, defendants-appellees respectfully request a 30-day extension of the deadline for their two response briefs, to and including April 3, 2023. Appellants consent to this motion.

1. The brief of the appellant was filed on February 1, 2023, and the answering briefs are currently due March 3, 2023. We have not previously sought an extension of this deadline.

2. Good cause exists for an extension of the briefing deadline. The attorneys with primary responsibility for preparing the answering brief for the Department of Treasury will be Gerard Sinzduk and Anna Stapleton. Both Mr. Sinzduk and Ms. Stapleton have a number of deadlines in other matters that make it burdensome to

prepare the answering brief on the current schedule. These include: *Rush v. Kijakazi*, No. 22-1797 (4th Cir.) (presenting oral argument on March 8) (Stapleton); *Judicial Watch v. Department of Justice*, No. 22-5209 (D.C. Cir.) (presenting oral argument on March 10) (Stapleton); *Vein & Wellness Group, LLC v. Becerra*, No. 22-2253 (4th Cir.) (primarily responsible for principal brief due March 13) (Stapleton); *Torres-Estrada v. Cases*, No. 21-1521 (1st Cir.) (presenting oral argument on March 10) (Sinzdak).

3. Counsel will work diligently to prepare the briefs in the time requested.
4. Counsel for plaintiffs has informed us that they consent to this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 3, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system. All participants in this case are registered CM/ECF users and will be served by the CM/ECF system.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I hereby certify that this motion complies with the requirements of Fed. R. App. P. 27(d)(1)(E), 32(a)(5), and 32(a)(6) because it has been prepared in 14-point Garamond, a proportionally spaced font. I further certify that this motion complies with the word limitations of Fed. R. App. P. 27(d)(2)(A) because it contains 223 words, according to the count of Microsoft Word 2016.

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