UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GALVESTON DIVISION

ROBERT L. APTER, *et al.*, Plaintiffs, v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, *et al.*, Defendants.	Case No. 3:22-cv-184 JUDGE JEFFREY V. BROWN

Defendants' Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Reply Brief in Excess of Page Limits

Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant them leave to file a 22-page reply in support of their motion to dismiss. Under Rule 5(f) of the Galveston District Court Rules of Practice, replies in support of a motion are generally limited to 15 pages. Counsel for Defendants has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs, and Plaintiffs do not oppose this motion.

Defendants' request is reasonable. Defendants' 30-page motion raised several grounds for dismissal. Dkt. 25. Plaintiffs responded with a 30-page opposition. Dkt. 27. Also, two organizations filed amicus briefs in support of Plaintiffs' opposition. Dkt. 31, 35-1. Given the substantial issues raised in Defendants' motion and Plaintiffs' opposition, and the arguments raised in the amicus briefs in support of Plaintiffs' opposition, Defendants respectfully request leave to file a 22-page reply in support of their motion.

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