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No. 22-40043 Feds for Medical Freedom v. Biden
USDC No. 3:21-CV-356

Dear Counsel,

Please be advised the previous briefing schedule is rescinded and the following expedited briefing schedule should be adhered to without requesting extensions in order to ensure the availability of the briefs to the court prior to oral argument:

Appellants' brief due February 14, 20222
Appellees' brief due February 16, 2022
Appellants' reply brief due February 18, 2022

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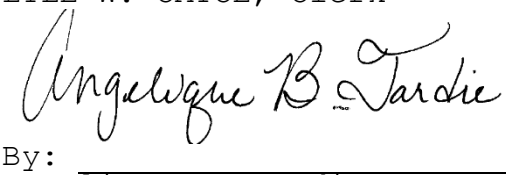
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Sincerely,

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Case No. 22-40043

Feds for Medical Freedom; Local 918, American Federation of Government Employees; Highland Engineering, Incorporated; Raymond A. Beebe, Jr.; John Armbrust; et al.,

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

Joseph R. Biden, Jr., in his official capacity as President of the United States; The United States of America; Pete Buttigieg, in his official capacity as Secretary of Transportation; Department of Transportation; Janet Yellen, in her official capacity as Secretary of Treasury; et al.,

Defendants - Appellants