UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, *Plaintiff*, v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; and PHIL ROSENFELT, in his official capacity as Acting Secretary of the United States Department of Education,[1] *Defendants*.	Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-11600-LTS
FARAH NOERAND, *Plaintiff*, v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; and PHILIP ROSENFELT, in his official capacity as Acting Secretary of the United States Department of Education, *Defendants.*	Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-11271-LTS

Government's Assented-To Motion to Hold Cases in Abeyance for 60 Days

On January 20, 2021, new leadership assumed responsibility for the United States Department of Education To afford these officials sufficient time to become familiar with the

[1] Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d), Philip Rosenfelt is substituted for Betsy DeVos.

issues in these cases, Defendants request a sixty day extension of the January 27, 2021, deadline to file the parties' joint report regarding the schedule for the cases on or before March 26, 2021.

Counsel for the plaintiffs have assented to this motion.

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Rule 7.1 Certification

I certify that I conferred with counsel before filing this motion.

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