

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWISH
WOMEN,
GREATER NEW ORLEANS SECTION,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP
AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 8:25-cv-03675-ABA

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
THE UNITED STATES, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP
AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 8:25-cv-03777-ABA

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR 14-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER
PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINTS**

Defendants respectfully move under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1) for a 14-day enlargement of time to, and including, August 31, 2026, to respond to Plaintiffs' Complaints in the consolidated matter captioned above. In accordance with Local Civil Rule 105(9), undersigned counsel asked Plaintiffs' counsels for their position on this motion. Counsel for both Plaintiffs stated that they consent to a two-week extension.

On August 3, 2026, the Court issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order granting Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction and denying in part and granting in part Defendants' motion to dismiss. *See* ECF No. 32 at 26. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a)(4)(A), Defendants calculate that the deadline to file answers to the remaining counts of both Plaintiffs' complaints is August 17, 2026, 14 days from the Court's decision.

Defendants request a 14-day extension of time to answer the complaints. Since the issuance of the Court's decision, Defendants' counsel have focused their efforts in this matter on ensuring compliance with the Court's preliminary injunction to reimplement the 2017 policy for nongovernmental organization (NGO) participation in administrative naturalization ceremonies. The parties have also been in discussions related to the schedule for discovery and dispositive motions in preparation to file the joint status report the Court ordered on August 3. *Id.* Due to the time required to both ensure compliance with the preliminary injunction and to develop a schedule for discovery with Plaintiffs, Defendants seek additional time to answer Plaintiffs' complaints. This additional time will enable Defendants to confer with appropriate agency officials about the appropriate answers to the allegations in each complaint and consider next steps in this litigation. Furthermore, this is a consolidated matter originating from two separate complaints. Defendants must submit answers to each Plaintiff's complaint (or amended complaint), which will require more time. Therefore, good cause supports this motion for an extension.

The granting of this motion will have no effect on existing deadlines in this action. Further, given the Court's preliminary injunction and Defendants' recent actions to revert to the previous policy for NGO participation in naturalization ceremonies, the requested 14-day extension of time to answer will not prejudice Plaintiffs.

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that this motion be granted and that they accordingly be allowed until, and including, August 31, 2026, to answer Plaintiffs' complaints. A proposed order is attached.

DATED: August 13, 2026

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