

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 26-2928 (CKK)

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Defendant, by undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Court to extend the time to respond to the Complaint in this Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) case. The deadline is currently September 28, 2026, and the new deadline would be October 28, 2026. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7(m), undersigned counsel contacted Plaintiff by email regarding the requested relief. Plaintiff opposed the requested extension.

Defendant respectfully submits that there is good cause for the requested extension. The undersigned was recently assigned this case and requires additional time to confer with the various agency components and prepare an appropriate filing. The undersigned has already reached out to the agency components and has begun reviewing the Complaint. However, agency counsels and the undersigned require additional time to complete the review process and prepare an appropriate response to the Complaint.

Further, the undersigned has a robust docket. In addition to discovery obligations and regularly negotiating and drafting status reports in FOIA matters, undersigned counsel has hearings in separate matters currently scheduled for September 23 and September 24, 2026, and dispositive

motions or reply briefs due on September 21, September 24, September 28, September 30, October 2, October 13, and October 27. The undersigned will also be on leave from October 5 through 9.

This motion is being filed in good faith and not for purposes of delay. No party will be materially prejudiced by the extension requested. This is Defendant's first motion to extend the time to respond to the Complaint.

A proposed order is attached.

Dated: September 20, 2026
Washington, DC

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED ORDER

UPON CONSIDERATION of Defendant's motion for extension of time, it is hereby

ORDERED that Defendant's motion is GRANTED, and it is further

ORDERED that Defendant shall have through and including October 28, 2026, to respond to the Complaint in this action.

SO ORDERED:

Dated

United States District Judge