

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT**

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PRIESTS FOR LIFE, et al.,  
Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

Nos. 13-5368, 13-5371,  
14-5021

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
& HUMAN SERVICES, et al.,  
Defendants-Appellants.

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**STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to this Court's order of October 12, 2016, the Departments file this status report to inform the Court of recent administrative developments. As we explained in our prior Status Reports, the Departments issued a Request for Information (RFI) to determine whether further modifications or alternatives to the existing accommodation could resolve the Religious Freedom Restoration Act objections asserted by various organizations while still ensuring that the affected women seamlessly receive full and equal health coverage, including contraceptive coverage. *See* 81 Fed. Reg. 47,741 (published July 22, 2016) (comment period closed September 20, 2016). In response to the RFI, the Departments received approximately 54,000 comments. The Departments are evaluating the information submitted to determine whether changes to the current accommodation regulations should be made and, if so, to inform the nature of those changes. The Departments

respectfully request that the Court take no action at this time and allow the government 90 days, to and including February 28, 2017, to submit its next status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 30, 2016, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the appellate CM/ECF system. I further certify that the participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by the appellate CM/ECF system.

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