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Re: No. 13-5368, *Priests for Life v. U.S. Dep't of Health & Human Servs.*
No. 13-5371, *Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington v. Sebelius*
Status Report

Dear Mr. Langer:

Pursuant to this Court's order of October 12, 2016, Plaintiffs-Appellants respectfully submit this status report.

The status of the case remains unchanged since our last report. As previously noted, the Government issued a Request for Information (RFI) to determine whether and how to modify the regulations at issue in this case, and the comment period for the RFI closed on September 20, 2016. The Government received approximately 54,000 comments, which it is now reviewing. Plaintiffs-Appellants remain hopeful that the Government will modify its regulations in a way that will accommodate Plaintiffs-Appellants' religious objections, thus resolving the case without further litigation. In the meantime, like the Government, Plaintiffs-Appellants respectfully request that the Court take no action and allow 90 days, up to and including February 28, 2017, for Plaintiffs-Appellants to submit their next status report.

Sincerely,

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I hereby certify that, on November 30, 2016, I filed the foregoing Status Report with this Court through the CM/ECF system, which then served it upon all counsel of record:

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