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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 May 23, 2017, Plaintiffs-Appellants respectfully submit this status report. As previously noted, pursuant to the Supreme Court's directive in *Zubik v. Burwell*, 136 S. Ct. 1557 (2016), counsel for Plaintiffs-Appellants have held discussions with the Government regarding potential resolution of this litigation and those discussions are ongoing.

The new Administration has been analyzing the legal and policy issues presented by the regulations at issue here and has now initiated a rulemaking process. See <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eoDetails?rrid=127381>. At this time, Plaintiffs-Appellants cannot predict the specific outcome of the administrative action or whether the administrative action will eliminate the need for continued litigation. They respectfully submit that this case should continue to be held in abeyance until that rulemaking process is completed.

Accordingly, Plaintiffs-Appellants request that the Court take no action on these cases, and allow the parties to submit their next status report by September 11, 2017.

Sincerely,

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I hereby certify that, on July 11, 2017, 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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