

THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, *et al.*, on behalf  
of themselves and others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, President of the  
United States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:17-cv-00094-LK

**REQUEST FOR DECISION**

Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court decide the parties’ pending Joint Stipulation for Order Allowing Redacted Filings of Summary Judgment Briefing Designated as Highly Sensitive Documents Pending Resolution of the Motions to Seal, Dkt. 568.

On July 15, 2021, the parties jointly requested the Court order the parties to file mutually agreed upon redacted versions of the parties’ Motion for Summary judgment filings on the public docket pending the Court’s resolution of Defendants’ motions to seal and to designate as Highly Sensitive Documents (“HSD”) portions of the parties’ summary judgment briefs and supporting papers. Dkt. 568 (Joint Stipulation); see Dkts. 464, 483, 502, 513, 533, 536, 543, 560, 562, and 566 (HSD); Dkts. 465, 481, 510, 514, 534, 538, 544, 561, 564, and 567 (Sealing).

As the Court has yet to resolve Defendants’ motions to seal and HSD motion, Plaintiffs reiterate the request that the Court, as an interim measure, order the parties to file the summary

1 judgment briefs and supporting papers with mutually agreed upon redactions. This will not only  
2 enable compliance with Local Civil Rule 7(g)(5)(A), which requires a publicly filed redacted  
3 version of any brief filed under seal, but it will preserve the public’s critical right of access to the  
4 courts. The public and the members of the certified classes have a right to know and understand  
5 the proceedings in this case. This is particularly important considering the dispositive nature of  
6 the respective motions for summary judgment—the first of which was filed on March 25, 2021,  
7 without any publicly available version.

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