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16 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
17 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
18 SACRAMENTO DIVISION

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20 **WILLIAM WIESE, et al.,**

21 Plaintiff,

22 v.

23 **XAVIER BECERRA, et al.,**

24 Defendant.  
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2:17-cv-00903-WBS-KJN

**JOINT STATUS REPORT  
FOLLOWING DUNCAN v. BECERRA**

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1 Pursuant to this Court's Order of May 8, 2019 [Dkt. 110], in which this Court ordered the  
2 parties to submit a joint status report within fourteen (14) days after the Ninth Circuit issues its  
3 decision in *Duncan v. Becerra*, No. 19-55376, the parties to the above-entitled action hereby  
4 submit this Joint Status Report following the Ninth Circuit's issuance of an opinion on August 14,  
5 2020.

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7 **DUNCAN V. BECERRA**

8 On August 14, 2020, the Ninth Circuit issued an opinion in *Duncan v. Becerra*, No. 17-  
9 56081, in which a divided panel affirmed the district court's grant of summary judgment for the  
10 plaintiffs in that action, Southern District of California No. 3:17-cv-01017-BEN-JLB, Hon. Roger  
11 T. Benitez presiding. A copy of the Ninth Circuit opinion is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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13 **PLAINTIFFS' POSITION RE LIFTING THE STAY, AND MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

14 In light of the Ninth Circuit's opinion in *Duncan*, and the long stay that has been imposed  
15 in this case while awaiting the same,<sup>1</sup> plaintiffs in the instant case request that this Court now lift  
16 its stay ordered on May 8, 2019 [ECF No. 110], and would propose that the court order a briefing  
17 and hearing schedule on plaintiffs' anticipated motion for summary judgment as to all claims.  
18 Plaintiffs propose to file their motion for summary judgment and supporting papers by October 1,  
19 2020, with a briefing and hearing schedule to be set by the Court. Plaintiffs would be willing to  
20 submit said motion to be decided on the papers, without necessity of a hearing, unless the Court  
21 would find a hearing to be necessary or helpful.

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23 **DEFENDANTS' POSITION**

24 Although the Ninth Circuit has issued an opinion in *Duncan v. Becerra*, the mandate has  
25 not issued and the appeal is not yet final. Defendants respectfully request that the Court continue  
26 the stay of proceedings in this case until the *Duncan* appellate proceedings are finally resolved,

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28 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs would note that the instant case was filed on April 28, 2017, several weeks  
before the *Duncan* case was filed in the Southern District of California.

1 requiring the parties to submit a joint status report within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of the  
2 mandate in *Duncan*.

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5 The parties are available to attend a scheduling conference to discuss these matters, should  
6 it please the Court. The parties would request to appear by telephone at any such conference.

7 Respectfully submitted,

8 Dated: August 26, 2020

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