

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

M.A., et al,	)	Case No. 1:26-CV-00415
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Petitioners,	)	JUDGE CHARLES ESQUE FLEMING
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
CRYSTAL MOLINA, OFFICE OF	)	<u>MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE</u>
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, et al,	)	<u>RESPONSE</u>
	)	
Respondents.	)	

Now comes Respondents, Crystal Molina, Federal Field Specialist, Office of Refugee Resettlement; Monica Velarde, Federal Field Specialist, Office of Refugee Resettlement; Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services; and Angie Salazar, Acting Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement., by and through undersigned counsel, and respectfully request leave to file, *instantly*, the attached Response to the Petition (ECF No. 1).

Respondents' response was due on Thursday, February 26, 2026; however, because additional information from the Department of Health and Human Services was required in order to fully respond to Petitioners' claims, Respondents requested a brief, one-day extension of time to respond. Counsel for the Petitioners had no objection to the extension. Respondents have now obtained the necessary information and seek leave to file their Response, attached hereto, *instantly*.

For good cause shown, the Respondents request the Court grant leave to file the attached Response *instantly*, and to deem the Response timely filed as of the date of its Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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