UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ANGELICA S., et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) No. 1:25-cv-1405
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, et al.,)
Defendants.)))

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF CLASS COUNSEL

Plaintiffs Angelica S., Eduardo M., Liam W., Leo B., and Xavier L., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(1) and Local Civil Rule 23.1(b), move for the Court to certify a class under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) consisting of: All unaccompanied children who are or will be in the custody of HHS and who (a) have or had a potential sponsor who has been identified; and (b) have not been released to a sponsor in whole or in part because they are missing documents newly required on or after March 7, 2025.

The grounds for Plaintiffs' motion are set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities.

On May 8, 2025, Plaintiffs' counsel provided Alex Haas, Diane Kelleher, and John Griffiths, the Directors of the Federal Programs Branch of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Division, with a copy of Plaintiffs' Complaint which contains Plaintiffs' class action allegations. On May 9, 2025, Plaintiffs' counsel asked to confer regarding this class certification motion.

However, counsel for Plaintiffs have not yet been informed of Defendants' position on this motion.

May 9, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on May 9, 2025, I caused the foregoing to be mailed to the following

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