

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Simon ATEBA,)	
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<i>Plaintiff,</i>)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:23-cv-02321-JDB
)	
Karine JEAN-PIERRE, in her official)	
capacity as White House Press Secretary, et al.))	
)	
<i>Defendants.</i>)	

CONSENT MOTION TO STAY DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT

Plaintiff served his complaint on August 15, 2023. *See* ECF No. 15 (Return of Service). Defendants’ deadline to answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff’s complaint is therefore October 16, 2023. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2); Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a)(1)(C). Before Defendants answered or otherwise responded to the Complaint, the Court entered a schedule for briefing on cross-motions for summary judgment. *See* ECF No. 21. Those motions have been filed and remain pending.

In the interest of economy for the Court and parties, Defendants respectfully move to stay the deadline to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint. Any motion to dismiss would likely overlap substantially with Defendants’ already-filed motion for summary judgment, would require duplicative briefing, and would impose unnecessary costs on the parties’ and on the Court’s time. Any answer would be best addressed after the Court determines which claims, if any, remain in this case. The Court should therefore stay the deadline to answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint until further order of the Court.

Undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for Plaintiff, who indicated Plaintiff consents to the relief sought. A proposed order is attached to this filing.

Dated: October 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Upon consideration of the Defendants’ Motion to Stay Deadline, any opposition and/or reply thereto, and the entire record, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED.

Defendants deadline to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint is STAYED pending further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Judge John D. Bates