UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
CENTRAL DIVISION
AT FRANKFORT

SAMANTHA WIGGINTON, *et al.*,	)	
	)	*Electronically Filed*
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:26-cv-00035-CHB
	)	
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, *et al.*	)	
	)	**GOVERNOR'S RESPONSE TO**
	)	**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO EXTEND**
	)	**PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**
Defendants.	)	**DISCOVERY**

Defendant Governor Andy Beshear, in his official capacity as the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through counsel, submits this response to Plaintiffs' Expedited Motion to Extend Preliminary Injunction Discovery and for Expedited Consideration (Doc. 117). As stated in the telephonic conference with the Magistrate Judge on September 29, 2026, the Governor does not object to Plaintiffs' proposed extension of the deadline for preliminary injunction discovery to October 23, 2026. For the record, with respect to Plaintiffs' reference to additional records produced by the Governor, the Governor previously provided Plaintiffs' counsel with all records responsive to open records requests received regarding Kentucky State University. At the request of Plaintiffs' counsel, the Office of the Governor conducted another search and then produced eight (8) emails and their attachments that were not responsive to the open records requests but related to Senate Bill 185 (R.S. 2026), if not the instant lawsuit. The Governor's lack of objection to the extension motion so that Plaintiffs can pursue discovery from federal agencies and complete the deposition of the Kentucky State University President does not mean that the Governor believes Plaintiffs are entitled to additional discovery from him, though counsel will

continue to engage in the meet and confer process with Plaintiffs' counsel, and those discussions are ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 1, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing Response via the Court's CM/ECF system, causing all counsel of record to be served.

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