

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

ERIN BULL, et al.,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	NO. 3:25-cv-00041
v.)	
)	JUDGE CAMPBELL
CLARENCE H. CARTER,)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE FRENSLEY
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

The parties have jointly moved under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c) for a stay of discovery to last until submission of the Special Master’s report provided that Defendant produces select documentation as outlined below.

Good cause exists for a stay of discovery to provide the Special Master with the best chance of success and to reduce burden on the agency. Defendant has represented that many of the same individuals at the Department of Human Services who would be responsible for responding to inquiries from a special master are the same individuals who would likely be responding to discovery requests if issued by Plaintiffs.


The parties’ Joint Motion (Doc. No. 68) is **GRANTED**.

(1) Discovery shall be stayed in this matter until the issuance of the Special Master’s report, which is required to be submitted 90 days after his or her appointment; and

(2) Defendant shall produce the following documents to Plaintiffs that DHS generates during the stay and provides to the Food and Nutrition Service (“FNS”) of the United States Department of Agriculture: any FNS 366B reports including FY25 Q2 366B, Quality Control Application Processing Timeliness reviews or reports, state-reported APT rates, and Corrective

Action Plan responses. Defendant will produce these documents to Plaintiffs within 5 business days of production to FNS.

It is so **ORDERED**.



WILLIAM L. CAMPBELL, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE