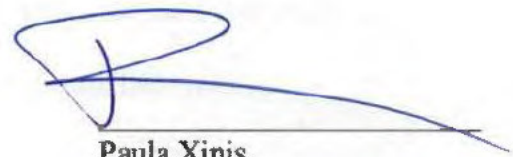


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4. Pending resolution of matters raised in ECF No. 112, the Court suspends the previously imposed deadline for the Plaintiffs' supplement to their motion at ECF No. 62 and Defendants' response. The Court will reset those deadlines on or after the May 16 hearing.
5. Lastly, as this litigation proceeds, the Court emphasizes the importance of transparency and adherence to procedural rules governing sealed filings. These standards apply equally to letter submissions and formal briefs. While provisional sealing was permitted in the early stages of this case to accommodate its expedited nature and to safeguard sensitive information, the parties must now strictly comply with the Court's Local Rules governing sealed filings. Under Local Rule 105.11 (D. Md.), any proposed sealed document must be accompanied by a motion to seal. The motion to seal must include: (1) proposed reasons supported by specific factual representations that justify sealing, and (2) an explanation of why alternatives to sealing, such as redaction, would be inadequate. *See Sky Angel U.S., LLC v. Discovery Commc'ns, LLC*, 28 F. Supp. 3d 465, 488 (D. Md. 2014). These requirements reflect the presumption of public access to judicial records, which may be overcome only with a compelling justification. *See Stone v. Univ. of Md. Med. Sys. Corp.*, 855 F.2d 178, 180 (4th Cir. 1988). Going forward, any filing submitted under seal without a compliant motion to seal will be stricken. As to the most recent filing at ECF No. 112, the proponent of sealing must file the motion to seal by not later than Friday, May 9, 2025, or the Court will unseal the document.

SO ORDERED.

May 7, 2025
Date



Paula Xinis
United States District Judge