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 17 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 18 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
 19 **SAN JOSE DIVISION**

20 NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, *et al.*,

21 Plaintiff,

22 v.

23 WILBUR L. ROSS, JR., *et al.*,

24 Defendants.
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Case No. 5:20-cv-05799-LHK

**DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF ONGOING
 EFFORTS RELATED TO ECF No. 421**

1 Defendants hereby inform the Court that they are still undertaking efforts to provide
2 answers to questions Plaintiffs have asked about a set of documents from Defendants' production
3 involving the "eop.gov" search term (ECF 408). Defendants provided partial information in
4 response to those questions during a meet and confer on January 3, 2021, and they will continue
5 their efforts to provide additional information. That process is ongoing but Defendants' efforts
6 to do so have been impeded as a result of the holiday weekend and limited staffing at the
7 contractor charged with managing Defendants' document productions. Defendants understand
8 that the lack of complete answers to Plaintiffs' questions on these items makes it difficult if not
9 impossible for Plaintiffs to file a motion seeking additional relief from the Magistrate Judge
10 Panel; the Court has set the deadline for such a motion as January 4, 2021. ECF No. 421.
11 Defendants are amenable to an extension of this deadline so that they have additional time to
12 provide further information responsive to Plaintiffs' questions and to clarify any imprecision
13 associated with Defendants' document productions. Defendants therefore suggest that Plaintiffs
14 be permitted to file a motion after the current deadline of January 4, 2021, to give the parties
15 time to discuss the updated information after Defendants are able to share it with Plaintiffs. The
16 parties may include further information on this issue in their joint status report due January 4,
17 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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19 DATED: January 3, 2021

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