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 10 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 11 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 12 CIVIL DIVISION

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 14 **LANA RAE RENNA, et al.,**
 Plaintiffs,
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 16 v.
 17 **ROB BONTA, in his official capacity**
as Attorney General of California;
and LUIS LOPEZ, in his official
capacity as Director of the
Department of Justice Bureau of
Firearms,
 20 Defendants.
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20-cv-02190-DMS-DEB
JOINT MOTION FOR AN ORDER
EXTENDING TIME FOR
DEFENDANTS TO FILE AN
ANSWER TO THE FIRST
AMENDED COMPLAINT
 Judge: Hon. Dana M. Sabraw
 Trial Date: None set
 Action Filed: 11/10/2020

1 Plaintiffs and Defendants respectfully submit this joint motion in accordance
2 with Civil Rules 7.2 and 12.1 for an order extending the time for Defendants
3 Attorney General Rob Bonta and Director Luis Lopez to file their answer to the
4 First Amended Complaint (FAC). They request an extension from **May 7 to May**
5 **14, 2021**.

6 On the afternoon of Friday, April 23, 2021, this Court issued an order partially
7 granting and partially denying Defendants' motion to dismiss the First Amended
8 Complaint, ECF No. 17 (Order). Defendants' answer to the remaining allegations
9 and claims in FAC is therefore currently due on May 7, 2021. Fed. R. Civ. Proc.,
10 rule 12(a)(4)(A). Prior to issuance of the Order, Defendants' counsel had planned
11 to (and eventually did) take leave from work for medical reasons from April 27
12 through May 2, 2021. Defendants' counsel unsuccessfully attempted to connect
13 with Plaintiffs' counsel before leave commenced to request an extension of time to
14 file Defendants' answer. However, Plaintiffs' and Defendants' counsel have now
15 conferred and stipulated that Defendants should be granted a one-week extension of
16 time to answer the FAC, from May 7 to May 14, 2021.

17 Good cause exists to grant the requested extension. As the default, the Federal
18 Rules of Civil Procedure permit only 14 days to answer a complaint following an
19 order on a motion to dismiss. Fed. R. Civ. Proc., rule 12(a)(4)(A). Here, the Order
20 issued just before Defendants' counsel's previously-scheduled leave. Defendants'
21 counsel made diligent efforts to obtain an extension as soon as possible. Further,
22 preparation of the answer will require substantial time since the FAC is 56 pages
23 long. Finally, one week is a reasonable length for the requested extension.

24 For these reasons, the parties respectfully request that the Court issue an
25 extension of time for Defendants to file their answer to the FAC, from May 7 to
26 May 14, 2021.

1 Dated: May 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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