

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

In re:	:	
Stay of Civil Matters Involving	:	
the United States as a Party	:	Amendment to Standing Order 18-4

On December 27, 2018, this Court entered Standing Order 18-4 due to the lapse of congressional appropriations funding the federal government, including the Department of Justice and the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey (the “United States Attorney’s Office”). That Standing Order stated as follows:

all civil litigation, with the exception of *Federal Trade Commission v. Gerber*, Civil Action No. 14-6771 (SRC) and all pending Social Security cases, in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey involving as a party the United States of America, its agencies, its officers or employees (whether in their individual or official capacity and whether current or former employees), and/or any other party represented by the Department of Justice or the United States Attorney’s Office is immediately suspended, postponed and held in abeyance continuing either (1) until the federal government is funding through congressional appropriation or (2) for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of entry of this Order, whichever comes sooner.

For purposes of clarification, the language of the Standing Order included actions brought by federal prisoners seeking to vacate, set aside or correct their sentences pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, as well as those actions brought by immigration detainees pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Standing Order 18-4 also provided that this Court could modify the Standing Order.

Accordingly, IT IS on this 7th day of January, 2019,

ORDERED that Standing Order 18-4 is hereby AMENDED only such that those actions brought by immigration detainees pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging their immigration detention in which an answer/response was filed prior to the effective date of Standing Order 18-4 (December 27, 2018) shall be exempt from Standing Order 18-4. Otherwise, Standing Order 18-4 remains in full effect for those cases; and it is further

ORDERED that the Court shall distribute this Order: (a) by electronic service to all registered CM/ECF users; (b) by first-class mail to unregistered civil litigants, including pro se litigants, and to attorneys pending pro hac vice admission; and (c) by posting the Order on the Court's public website.

ENTER: FOR THE COURT



JOSE L. LINARES
Chief Judge, United States District Court