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U.S. COURT OF
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IN RE: CLAIMS FOR VACCINE
INJURIES RESULTING IN AUTISM
SPECTRUM DISORDER, OR A SIMILAR
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER,

Various Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES,

Respondent.

AUTISM MASTER FILE
Special Master Hastings

**RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO
PROVIDE A LIST OF EXPERT WITNESSES¹**

In his August 11, 2005, ruling, the special master anticipated respondent would designate a list of experts two months after Petitioners' Steering Committee's expert designation.² (See Ruling Concerning The Issue Of Time To File Expert Reports at 8.) Respondent respectfully requests an enlargement of time until June 15, 2006, to designate a list of potential experts.

Respondent is in the process of identifying the relevant scientific fields and identifying potential experts within those fields. As Petitioners' Steering Committee has not yet put forth

¹ As with prior filings, respondent has also filed this document into the record of Taylor v. HHS, No. 02-699V.

² Petitioners' designation was filed on February 14, 2006; therefore, respondent's designation was originally due on April 15, 2006.

a theory of causation, any list submitted by respondent cannot be considered final. Therefore, respondent respectfully reserves the right to supplement his witness list as necessary as Petitioners' Steering Committee develops its case.

Respectfully submitted,

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