

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	Case No. 1:21-cr-175-TJK
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
ETHAN NORDEAN, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

**DEFENDANT NORDEAN’S RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT’S “OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL OR SEVER DEFENDANTS”**

On January 9, 2023, the government filed an “opposition to any motion by defendants to continue trial or sever defendants as a result of the sixth-month suspension of Norman Pattis from the practice of law.” ECF No. 629.

Nordean wants the Court to clearly understand his position: he has not moved, nor will he move, for a trial continuance. Nordean has been detained pretrial for nearly two years, since April 2021. There is no circumstance that would prompt Nordean to move for, or consent to, a trial continuance, up to and including a zombie apocalypse.

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