



Defendant Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., by and through its counsel of record, respectfully moves the Court for an Order referring this matter to a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the limited purpose of holding a settlement conference addressing this matter, as well as this Court's Cause No. CV 20-59-BLG-SPW. The parties have been engaged in good-faith settlement negotiations, and request the assistance of a U.S. Magistrate Judge in continuing such settlement negotiations in order to potentially avoid the time and expense of trial and conserve judicial resources. Counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania have been contacted, and this motion is unopposed. A proposed Order is submitted herewith for the Court's consideration.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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