

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

MAHMOAD ABDAH, et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

GEORGE W. BUSH, et al.,

Respondents.

Civil Action 04-1254 (HHK)

ORDER

Upon petitioners' *ex parte* application, Judge Rosemary Collyer issued a temporary restraining order ("TRO") on March 12, 2005 at 4:20 p.m., as amended. Consistent with the terms of Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b), the TRO states that it shall remain in effect "until this matter can be determined at a hearing for a preliminary injunction or for ten days, whichever is less." Currently, petitioners' motion for a preliminary injunction [#115] is scheduled to be heard before this court on March 24, 2005, two days after the expiration of the TRO.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b) indicates that a TRO may only be extended "for good cause shown" or if "the party against whom the order is directed consents that it may be extended for a longer period." Accordingly, it is this 16th day of March, 2005, hereby

ORDERED, that within 24 hours of the issuance of this order, respondents shall indicate whether they consent to the extension of the TRO

through the end of the day on March 24, 2005, the date of the currently-scheduled preliminary injunction hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Henry H. Kennedy, Jr.
United States District Judge

Date: March 16, 2005

Time: 5:35 a.m.