IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ex rel. :

MATTHEW DECKER :

Civ. No. 22-3895

Plaintiff-Relator,

:

:

v. : <u>FILED UNDER SEAL</u>

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY,

:

Defendant.

ORDER

In January 2023, I granted the Government's First Motion for Extension of the Seal on this *qui tam* action. (Doc. Nos. 6, 7.) In June, I granted its third Motion for an Extension of the Seal, noting that "[a]bsent exigent circumstances, no further extensions will be granted." (Doc. No. 14.) The Government has investigated the claims at issue for over seven months and now seeks a fourth extension of the seal without presenting any exigent circumstances. (Doc. No. 15.) Accordingly, I will deny their fourth request. **AND NOW**, this 28th day of August, 2023, upon consideration of the United States' Fourth *ex parte* Motion for Extension of the Seal and Intervention Deadline (Doc. No. 15), it is hereby **ORDERED**:

- (1) The United States' Motion (Doc. No. 15) is **DENIED**;
- (2) The seal is lifted **FORTHWITH**; and
- (3) The United States shall notify the Court by **September 29, 2023**, whether it is intervening or declining to intervene.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Paul S. Diamond

Paul S. Diamond, J.