

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(Baltimore Division)

SHAYONNA FEATHERSTONE, et al., *
Plaintiffs *
v. * Case No.: 1:07-CV-1120
KENNEDY KRIEGER INSTITUTE, INC., et al. *
Defendants *
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C. The “risks” alleged by the Defendants for failing to join the NIEHS, or the United States, are neither substantial nor sufficient to require joinder. 31

VII. Neither the NIEHS, nor the United States, are indispensable parties to the instant litigation 32

A Neither the NIEHS nor the United States can be joined in this matter. 33

B. Equity and good conscience clearly weigh in favor of the Plaintiffs being permitted to continue the instant action without the joinder of the NIEHS or the United States. 34