IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FILED FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

SALT INSTITUTE and the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Plaintiffs,	2004 JUN 25 P 3: 55 CLERK US DISTRICT COURT ALEXANDRIA. VIRGINIA
v. TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) Case No. 04-CV-359 GBL))
Defendant.)))

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Pursuant to rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, defendant Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, respectfully moves this Court for an order dismissing this action for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. The grounds in support of this motion are set out more fully in the attached memorandum.

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