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Comment:

I support the proposed rule change. The current rule allows governmental Defendants to file an appeal as of right to the Court of Appeals, and the right to an automatic stay of proceedings, when appealing the denial of a dispositive motion. This causes unnecessary delays in meritorious cases. Since governmental Defendants have the right to file an application for leave to appeal when a dispositive motion is denied, there is a sufficient mechanism in place to protect the interests of governmental Defendants.