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Defendants.

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Before BOWMAN, FAGG, and HANSEN, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

The appellant insurance companies appeal from the district court's imposition of sanctions. The appeal has been submitted on the briefs. Having considered the record and the parties' arguments, we conclude the district court did not abuse its discretion in granting Sharon Newsom's motion for sanctions. We also conclude an extended opinion would serve no useful purpose, and we affirm for the reasons stated by the district court. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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