

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOHN DOES #1-6, on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GRETCHEN WHITMER, Governor of the
State of Michigan, and COL. JOSEPH
GASPAR, Director of the Michigan State
Police, in their official capacities,

Defendants.

File No. 2:16-cv-13137

Hon. Robert H. Cleland

Mag. J. David R. Grand

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's April 6, 2020, interim order (ECF #91), the parties submit this fourth 30-day joint status report, stating as follows:

1. As of the date of this filing, the "current COVID-19 crisis" (as defined by the Court's interim order, at pp 3-4) remains in effect. In Michigan, as nationally, the Governor's staged relaxation of restrictions pursuant to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines will continue to hinge on how quickly the number of new "second wave" COVID-19 cases comes down.

2. In the meantime, on July 30, 2020, some of the state stakeholders who had been part of the negotiations about a new sex offender registration law last year got

together by online conference. Though no new concrete proposals are yet in the works, the parties remain committed to continuing to work toward the passage of new legislation.

3. The goal is still to have a draft bill come out of the resumed negotiations that all stakeholders will endorse, or at least not object to, making it easier for the legislature to pass, and for the Governor to sign, the bill into law. The parties' hope is that the negotiations will result in a bill that eliminates the need for further litigation by the plaintiffs.

4. The Michigan State Police Sex Offender Registration Unit continues to clean up and organize registry data in preparation for the issuance of notice.

5. Enforcement of SORA remains suspended, though the plaintiffs' counsel are encouraging registrants to keep their address information up to date so that the registry remains accurate, which will ensure the timely receipt of future notices.

6. The parties will continue to confer in good faith to draft proposed notices and a joint proposed judgment incorporating the Court's rulings. Because these efforts may be affected by any legislative action, the parties are coordinating their work with the legislative process.

Respectfully submitted,

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