## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

DO NO HARM,	)
${\it Plaintiff-Appellant},$	) ) Case No. 24-5937 )
v.	)
	)
WILLIAM LEE, in his official	)
Capacity, as Governor of the	)
State of Tennessee,	)
	)
$Defendant \hbox{-} Appellee.$	)

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

On January 22, 2025, on motion of Defendant-Appellee, the Court issued an Order temporarily holding this case in abeyance "pending settlement negotiations." (Doc. 20). The Order directed Defendant to "file a status report every 30 days." *Id.* Plaintiff-Appellant has agreed to join this second status report.

The parties report that they continue to be engaged in good-faith settlement negotiations to resolve both this case and a related district-court case together. The parties agree the stay should remain in effect

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Do No Harm v. Lee, No 3:24-cv-01334 (M.D. Tenn.).

because: 1) settlement negotiations remain ongoing; and 2) recently proposed legislation may repeal some or all of the challenged laws, which would impact the resolution of this matter. See H.B. 1237, 114th Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess. (TN 2025); S.B. 1235, 114th Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess. (TN 2025). The parties intend to come to an agreement in the coming months.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via the Court's electronic filing system to all counsel of record.

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