

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

DO NO HARM,)	
)	
<i>Plaintiff-Appellant,</i>)	Case No. 24-5937
)	
v.)	
)	
WILLIAM LEE, in his official)	
Capacity, as Governor of the)	
State of Tennessee,)	
)	
<i>Defendant-Appellee.</i>)	

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 fourth status report.

In their last report, the parties noted legislation passed in the General Assembly that repeals or amends the challenged laws. *See* H.B. 1237, 114th Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess. (TN 2025); S.B. 1235, 114th Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess. (TN 2025); S.B. 1084, 114th Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess.

(TN 2025). Since then, Governor Lee signed those pieces of legislation. *See* 2025 Tenn. Pub. Acts, ch. 294 (effective Apr. 24, 2024); 2025 Tenn. Pub. Acts, ch. 458 (effective May 9, 2025).

The parties now report that they are engaged in final settlement negotiations to resolve this case. The parties agree the stay should remain in effect because: 1) settlement negotiations remain ongoing; and 2) the Governor signed the recently passed legislation, which repeals or amends all the challenged laws, thus impacting resolution of this matter. 2025 Tenn. Pub. Acts, ch. 294 (effective Apr. 24, 2024); 2025 Tenn. Pub. Acts, ch. 458 (effective May 9, 2025). The parties intend to come to an agreement in the coming weeks.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on Friday, May 23, 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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