IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

THREE-JUDGE COURT

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O. JOHN BENISEK et al.., *

Plaintiffs *

v. * CIVIL NO. JKB-13-3233

LINDA H. LAMONE et al.., *

Defendants *

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ORDER

Now pending before the Court is the Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction and Motion to Advance and Consolidate the Trial on the Merits (ECF No. 177). Also, the Court notes certain orders entered by the Supreme Court in *Gill v. Whitford*, No. 16-1161, on appeal from the Western District of Wisconsin.

A hearing on the motion is set in for Friday, July 14, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 1A, United States Courthouse, Baltimore, Maryland. This hearing will have a total duration of one day. During the morning (9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.), the Court will hear any evidence the parties wish to present in relation to the motion, above and beyond that already of record. The parties shall agree in advance on a fair and appropriate division of the time for presenting evidence. During the afternoon (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.), the Court will hear legal argument on the motion.

During this same hearing, the Court will hear argument on the question of whether it should stay all proceedings (other than the motion for preliminary injunction) in light of the Supreme Court's undertaking the issues raised in *Gill v. Whitford*, and particularly in light of the

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orders entered in that case on June 19, 2017. The parties are directed to submit simultaneous

briefs addressing the appropriateness of a stay. The briefs shall be filed on or before Tuesday,

July 11, 2017, and those briefs shall not exceed ten pages in length. There will be no responsive

briefing.

Also pending before the Court is the request of Stephen M. Shapiro for leave to file an

amicus brief addressing the appropriateness of a preliminary injunction and/or summary

judgment. (ECF No. 183.) That request is DENIED.

Also pending is the JOINT MOTION TO ENLARGE PAGE LIMITS (ECF No. 184).

That motion, requesting page limits of 55 pages, is GRANTED.

Judges Niemeyer and Russell join in the entry of this order.

DATED this 27th day of June, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

James K. Bredar, Judge