

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

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O. JOHN BENISEK <i>et al.</i>,	*	
Plaintiffs	*	
v.	*	CIVIL NO. JKB-13-3233
LINDA H. LAMONE <i>et al.</i>,	*	
Defendants	*	
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ORDER

In their Joint Status Report (ECF No. 187), the parties indicate that during the hearing on July 14, 2017, they do not intend to present evidence above and beyond that already of record. Accordingly, the need for the first half of the hearing is eliminated (*see* ECF No. 185).

During the upcoming hearing, the Court will hear only (1) argument on the motion for a preliminary injunction; and (2) argument on the question of whether the Court should stay all further proceedings. Given the shortened agenda, the hearing will commence at 9:30 a.m., include a very brief mid-morning recess, and conclude by 12:30 p.m. As they make their arguments, counsel are of course free to refer to the record, and they are free to present excerpts from the record including in the form of multimedia presentations. The playing of video depositions, however, is not favored as the Court will find it more efficient to simply consult written transcripts.

The hearing time will be equally divided. Each party may use up to one hour to make their opening argument with the remainder of their allotted 90 minutes reserved for rebuttal (both sides will be permitted to rebut).

The parties are reminded that the Court's focus for the hearing is limited to the motion for preliminary injunctive relief—not the motion for summary judgment—and the Court's *sua sponte* issue as to whether the case should be stayed pending the Supreme Court's final decision in *Gill v. Whitford*, No. 16-1161.

The MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A BRIEF AS AMICUS CURIAE (ECF No. 189) is DENIED as the Court concludes that such a brief would not be helpful to the resolution of the issues at this time.

Judges Niemeyer and Russell concur in this Order.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2017.

BY THE COURT:

/s/
James K. Bredar
United States District Judge