## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

KRAVITZ, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 8:18-cv-01041-GJH

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, et al.,

Defendants.

## JOINT PROPOSAL FOR PRETRIAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

Pursuant to the Court's August 22, 2018 Order (Dkt. 49), the parties submit this joint scheduling proposal, the substance of which is reflected in the attached proposed order.

The parties respectfully request a telephonic scheduling conference with the Court to finalize dates for a bench trial, a pretrial conference, and a hearing on summary judgment motions, in coordination with the scheduling proposal set forth below.

## I. Discovery

The parties propose the following discovery deadlines:

- Plaintiffs' expert reports shall be due on October 5, 2018;
- Defendants' expert reports shall be due on October 19, 2018;
- Plaintiffs' rebuttal expert reports shall be due on October 26, 2018;
- Fact and expert discovery shall close on **November 2, 2018.**

The parties further propose to coordinate discovery with *LUPE*, et al. v. Ross, et al., 8:18-cv-01570 (D.Md.) ("*LUPE*"), a later-filed action pending before this Court that also

challenges the inclusion of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. The parties have conferred with the plaintiffs in *LUPE*, and they have agreed to coordinate discovery and adhere to the proposed discovery deadlines in this action.

## II. Bench Trial and Summary Judgment Motions

Because of the time-sensitive nature of the injunctive relief sought by Plaintiffs, the parties agree that this case should be adjudicated as expeditiously as practicable. Therefore, the parties (i) request that the Court schedule a bench trial for the second half of **January 2019** on dates that are convenient for the Court and (ii) propose the following deadlines for summary judgment motions to provide the Court with sufficient time to rule on such motions in advance of trial:

- Summary judgment motions due on November 12, 2018;
- Responses due on November 27, 2018;
- Replies due on **December 4, 2018**;
- Hearing the week of December 11, 2018.

The parties agree to confer in good faith following the close of discovery to determine if they can stipulate to material facts and/or narrow the issues to be presented to the Court on summary judgment.

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