

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

JANE DOE,

Plaintiff,

v.

VINCENT T. ARRISI, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 16-8640 (MAS) (DEA)

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Defendants Vincent T. Arrisi, New Jersey Office of Vital Statistics and Registry, Cathleen D. Bennett, and New Jersey Department of Health's (collectively, "Defendants") Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff Jane Doe's ("Plaintiff") Complaint. (ECF No. 5.) Plaintiff filed opposition (ECF No. 17), and Defendants replied (ECF No. 25). The parties also filed supplemental correspondence in support of their respective positions. (ECF Nos. 32, 39, 48.) Additionally, the United States of America (the "Government") filed a Statement of Interest (ECF No. 49), and Plaintiff responded (ECF No. 50).

Further, non-parties Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom; Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders; Gender Justice; Intersex & Genderqueer Recognition Project; LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York; National Center for Lesbian Rights; National Center for Transgender Equality; National LGBT Bar Association; National LGBTQ Task Force; Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund; Trans United; and Whitman-Walker Clinic, Inc. d/b/a Whitman-Walker Health (collectively, the "Amici") filed an Amicus Brief. (ECF No. 19-1.) Defendants (ECF No. 37) and Plaintiff (ECF No. 38) responded, and the Amici replied (ECF No. 43).

The Court has carefully considered the submissions by the parties, the Government, and the Amici, and heard oral argument on August 15, 2017. For the reasons set forth on the record and for other good cause shown,

IT IS on this 16th day of August 2017, **ORDERED** that:

1. Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 5) is GRANTED.
2. Plaintiff's Complaint is dismissed on all counts without prejudice. The Clerk is directed to close this case.
3. Plaintiff may file an amended complaint by **September 15, 2017**. The Clerk shall reopen this matter upon the timely filing of an amended complaint. If Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint by this deadline, the Court will dismiss Plaintiff's claims with prejudice.



MICHAEL A. SHIPP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE