

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

BROCK STONE, et al. *
Plaintiffs *
vs. * CIVIL ACTION NO. MJG-17-2459
DONALD J. TRUMP et al. *
Defendants *

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AMENDED SCHEDULING ORDER

The Court has before it Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order [ECF No. 121], Joint Filing Regarding the Parties' Proposed Amended Schedules [ECF No. 169] ("the Joint Filing"), and the materials related thereto. The Court finds a hearing unnecessary.

By the instant motion, and as stated in Defendants' Position in the Joint Filing, Defendants request that the Court stay all discovery pending the Court's ruling in various pending motions, some of which are not yet ripe for decision. Plaintiffs oppose a stay and propose revised discovery deadlines.

The Court has carefully considered the parties arguments. The Court has also reviewed the decisions issued by other district courts in parallel proceedings and finds them persuasive. See, e.g., Karnoski v. Trump, No. C17-1297-MJP,

2018 WL 1784464 (W.D. Wash. Apr. 13, 2018)(directing the parties to proceed with discovery and prepare for trial); Doe 1 v. Trump, No. 17-1597(CKK), Order, ECF No. 114 (DDC Apr. 18, 2018)(denying defendants' motion seeking a stay of all discovery).

The Court does not consider the fact that motions are currently pending to be sufficient justification to warrant a stay of discovery. Nor is the Court persuaded that a stay will serve the interests of judicial economy. Therefore, the Court shall exercise its discretion to deny Defendants' motion and direct that discovery proceed according to the Plaintiffs' proposed schedule.

Accordingly:

1. Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order [ECF No. 121] is DENIED.
2. The Court's Scheduling Order [ECF No. 100] remains in effect and is amended as follows:
 - a. July 13¹ - Proponent's Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures
 - b. August 10 - Opponent's Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures
 - c. August 17 - Reply Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures
 - d. August 31 - Last day for filing discovery-related motions
 - e. August 31 - Discovery deadline

¹ All dates herein are in the year 2018.

- f. September 13 - Status hearing with Court
 - g. October 5 - Last day for filing dispositive pretrial motions.
3. The instant case remains referred to the Honorable A. David Copperthite, U.S. Magistrate Judge, for all discovery disputes including related scheduling matters.

SO ORDERED, on Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

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Marvin J. Garbis
United States District Judge