

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

MICHAEL ROP, et al.,)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	No. 1:17-cv-497
-v-)	
)	Honorable Paul L. Maloney
THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE)	
AGENCY, et al.,)	
Defendants.)	
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ORDER

Plaintiffs filed an unopposed motion for leave to file an amended complaint under seal. (ECF No. 11.) According to Plaintiffs, the amended complaint contains material that was disclosed in a related case. The information is subject to a protective order in that other case, and Plaintiffs have an obligation to keep the information confidential.

Plaintiffs' motion is denied without prejudice. Plaintiffs have not indicated what information in the amended complaint is subject to a protective order. As a general rule, "both civil and criminal trials are presumptively open proceedings and open records are fundamental to our system of law." *Meyer Goldberg, Inc. of Lorain v. Fisher Foods, Inc.*, 823 F.2d 159, 163 (6th Cir. 1987) (citing *Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. v. F.T.C.*, 710 F.2d 1165, 1177-79 (6th Cir. 1983)).

Following this principle, Plaintiffs may file a redacted version of the amended complaint that would be available for public viewing, and a motion for leave to file a document under seal, accompanied by a proposed amended complaint that is not redacted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: July 24, 2017

/s/ Paul L. Maloney
Paul L. Maloney
United States District Judge