

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

MICHAEL ROP, STEWART KNOEPP, and
ALVIN WILSON,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 1:17-cv-00497

v.

THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE
AGENCY, MELVIN L. WATT, in his official
capacity as Director of the Federal Housing
Finance Agency, and THE DEPARTMENT
OF THE TREASURY,

Defendants.

JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND PAGE LIMITATIONS

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint in the above-captioned case on June 1, 2017 and an Amended Complaint on July 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, Defendants Federal Housing Finance Agency and Melvin L. Watt (“FHFA Defendants”), by and through their counsel, have advised Plaintiffs that they intend to move to dismiss this case, and Defendant The Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”), by and through its counsel, have advised Plaintiffs that it also intends to move to dismiss;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs have advised Defendants that they intend to move for summary judgment;

WHEREAS, the Court granted a prior joint motion of the parties setting (1) September 8, 2017 as the deadline for all Defendants to file motions to dismiss, (2) October 6, 2017 as the deadline for Plaintiffs to file responses to Defendants’ motions to dismiss and to file a motion for summary judgment, (3) November 6, 2017 as the deadline for Defendants to file replies in support of their motions to dismiss and responses to Plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment,

and (4) December 4, 2017 as the deadline for Plaintiffs to file replies in support of their motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 10);

WHEREAS, the parties anticipate a need for additional pages to brief these matters beyond the default limits in the Local Rules, due to the nature of this case, given that Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint is 76 pages and 177 paragraphs long and raises multiple constitutional and statutory issues;

WHEREAS, the parties have conferred and have reached an agreement with respect to page limits for their respective dispositive motions; and

WHEREAS, there is good cause for the relief sought and the parties have not requested any previous page extensions in this case;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(c), the parties hereby jointly move to establish the following page limits:

- The FHFA Defendants shall have 35 pages for their brief in support of their anticipated motion to dismiss.
- Treasury shall have 35 pages for its brief in support of its anticipated motion to dismiss.
- Plaintiffs shall have 70 pages for a single consolidated brief that will constitute an opposition to Defendants' anticipated motions to dismiss and a brief in support of their anticipated motion for summary judgment.
- The FHFA Defendants shall have 30 pages for their combined reply in support of their motion to dismiss and opposition to Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment.
- Treasury shall have 30 pages for its combined reply in support of its motion to dismiss and opposition to Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment.
- Plaintiffs shall have 25 pages for a reply brief in support of their motion for summary judgment that will address the oppositions filed by the FHFA Defendants and Treasury.
- All of these page limits are exclusive of the cover sheet, tables, indices, and signature pages.

The parties respectfully request that this Court enter an order granting this joint motion.

Submitted August 25, 2017.

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND PAGE
LIMITATIONS**

Upon consideration of the parties' joint motion with respect to the page limits for the
briefs in this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the joint motion is GRANTED, and it is further
hereby ORDERED that:

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- Plaintiffs shall have 25 pages for a reply brief in support of their motion for summary judgment that will address both the FHFA Defendants' opposition and Treasury's opposition.
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August __, 2017

Hon. Paul L. Maloney
U.S. District Judge