

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

MICHAEL ROP, STEWART KNOEPP, and
ALVIN WILSON,

Plaintiffs,

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.

Case No. 1:17-cv-00497

Hon. Paul L. Maloney

**BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO FILE
CONSOLIDATED BRIEF IN RESPONSE TO MOTIONS TO DISMISS
AND IN SUPPORT OF CROSS-MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Expedited Consideration Requested

Plaintiffs respectfully request leave to file a single, consolidated brief of 60 pages responding to Defendants' motions to dismiss and supporting Plaintiffs' cross-motion for summary judgment. In support of this request, Plaintiffs state as follows:

1. On September 8, 2017, Defendants filed two separate motions to dismiss totaling a combined 54 pages. Consistent with the briefing schedule the Court entered on July 12, 2017, Plaintiffs will respond to Defendants' motions and cross move for summary judgment on October 6, 2017.

2. Local Rule 7.2(b) would permit Plaintiffs to file three separate 25-page briefs—two briefs responding to each of Defendants' dispositive motions and a third brief in support of Plaintiffs' dispositive cross motion. Because there is significant overlap between the issues

relevant to each of these three dispositive motions, Plaintiffs believe that they will be able to provide the Court with a more logical and efficient presentation by submitting one consolidated brief rather than three separate briefs.

3. Although the default total number of pages available under Local Rule 7.2(b) for briefing three dispositive motions is 75 pages, Plaintiffs only request leave to file a consolidated brief of 60 pages.

4. Plaintiffs' counsel consulted with counsel for Defendants via email on October 2, 2017, and Counsel indicated they would not oppose the Motion.

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Respectfully submitted,

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