

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE COURT OF CLAIMS

THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY,
MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 26-00007-MB

Hon. Michael F. Gadola

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**March 13, 2026 Joint Stipulation of the Parties
Regarding the Status of their Discussions**

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The parties, by and through their counsel, hereby provides this Court with the following joint status report regarding the status of their discussions aimed at resolving this dispute. The parties further state:

1. On February 27, 2026, the parties appeared before the Court for a hearing on cross-motions for summary disposition.

2. Before that hearing commenced, the parties requested an off-the-record status conference with the Court.

3. The parties thereafter stipulated on the record to adjourn the hearing to allow the parties to engage in discussions that could resolve the issues in dispute in this matter.

4. To that end, the Court granted the parties a two-week adjournment to engage in such discussions, ordering the parties to file a joint stipulation regarding the status of those talks by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026.

5. In the interim, the parties have engaged in preliminary but fruitful discussions about the possibility of resolving this dispute.

6. Although the discussions have not yet resulted in any concrete agreements between the House and the Executive Branch Officials, the parties believe that further adjournment for additional discussions would be beneficial, and that mutual resolution of the dispute remains possible.

7. Moreover, the upcoming legislative calendar poses certain obstacles for this process.

8. Although the Legislature remains in session through the end of next week, it thereafter enters a three-week recess, creating significant practical difficulties for the iterative negotiating process in which the parties need to engage.

9. Given the progress made in this initial two-week period, and acknowledging the impending legislative recess, the parties request an additional eight-week adjournment, to allow them to have significant, in-depth negotiations.

10. This request for an additional adjournment is necessary to permit the parties to continue the thus-far-successful process, and is not made for purposes of delay.

11. In addition, the parties affirm their commitment to provide the Court regular updates, like this one, in order to ensure that this matter does not unnecessarily linger without making progress.

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