

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT KANSAS CITY**

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH OF)	
PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREAT)	
PLAINS, et al.,)	
Plaintiffs,)	
vs.)	Case No. 2416-CV31931
)	Division 3
STATE OF MISSOURI, et al.,)	
Defendants.)	

**ORDER GRANTING STATE DEFENDANTS’ MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION OUT OF
TIME AND GRANTING PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR CONDITIONAL CLASS
CERTIFICATION**

NOW on this day, the Court takes up State Defendants’ Motion for Leave to File Response to Plaintiffs’ Motion to Certify a Defendant Class, made orally on December 4, 2024, as well as Plaintiffs’ Motion to Conditionally Certify a Defendant Class, made orally on December 4, 2024. The Court held a hearing on December 4, 2024 where it took up a number of motions filed by the parties. Plaintiffs appeared by Eleanor Spottswood, Esq., Camila Vega, Esq., Jennifer Sandman, Esq., Gillian Wilcox, Esq. and Chelsea Tejada, Esq. Defendants State of Missouri, Michael Parson, Andrew Bailey, Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Division of Professional Registration - Health Arts, Missouri Division of Professional Registration – Board of Nursing, Paula Nickelson, Jade James-Halbert, Dorothy Munich, Jeffrey Carter, Ian Fawks, Naveed Razzaque, Mark Taormina, Christopher Wilhelm, Julie Miller, Trevor Wolfe, Margaret Bultas, Bonny Kehm, Courtney Owens and Denise Williams (hereinafter “State Defendants”), appeared by Joshua Divine, Esq., Dominic Barceleau, Esq., and Michael Patton, Esq. Defendant Jean Peters Baker appeared by Amanda Langenheim, Esq. and Joyce Johnson, Esq. During this hearing, the Court discussed Plaintiff’s Motion to Certify Defendant Class, filed on November 6, 2024, with

the parties because, to date, no response to that Motion has been filed by any party. During this discussion, it became clear that State Defendants oppose Plaintiffs' Motion and wish to file a response and orally requested leave to do so.¹ In response, Plaintiffs' moved to conditionally certify the defendant class of all Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys, appointing Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney, Jean Peters Baker, in her official capacity as representative of the Defendant Class. It is therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that State Defendants' Motion for Leave to File Response to Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify a Defendant Class, made orally on December 4, 2024, is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that State Defendants shall have until December 14, 2024 to file their response to Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify a Defendant Class.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall have until December 19, 2024 to file their reply, if any, to Defendant's response.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs' oral Motion to Conditionally Certify a Defendant Class is hereby **GRANTED**. The Court hereby certifies a Defendant Class of all Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys and appoints the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney, Jean Peters Baker, in her official capacity, as representative of the Defendant Class.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

December 5, 2024
Date



HON. JERRI J. ZHANG
Judge, Division 3

CC: All counsel via e-Notification

¹ Counsel for Defendant Jean Peters Baker indicated on the record that she has no objection to the Plaintiff's Motion and does not intend to file a response.