STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

EXCLUSIVE BRANDS,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 24-000164-MZ

MICHIGAN CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY,

Hon. Sima G. Patel

Defendant.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On July 7, 2025, the Court entered an order granting summary disposition in plaintiff's favor and directing defendant to produce documents for plaintiff's review unless a statutory exemption of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) applied. The Court kept the matter open to permit plaintiff to seek additional remedies available under the FOIA.

Having received no request for additional remedies, on September 30, 2025, the Court ordered the parties to show cause why this case should not be closed. Plaintiff responded on October 8, 2025, asserting that defendant had not produced a single document despite promises to produce 1,700 pages of responsive documents by the end of September. Defendant made no response.

On October 23, 2025, plaintiff moved to enforce this Court's July 7, 2025 order. It stated that in communications on July 22, September 11, and September 29, 2025, defendant promised to produce the requested documents, but failed to do so. Defendant again made no response.

Accordingly, the Court orders defendant to show cause why this Court should not:

1) order the production of all requested documents within one week;

2) hold it in contempt for failing to abide by this Court's July 7, 2025 order;

3) order defendant to pay plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements under MCL 15.240(6), punitive damages of $1,000 under MCL 15.240(7), and a civil fine of between $2,500 and $7,500 under MCR 15.240b.

Failure to respond within 14 days of the entry of this order will result in defendant being held in contempt of Court and the Court ordering defendant to remit reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements in an amount established by plaintiff, $1,000 in punitive damages, and a civil fine to be determined by the Court.

Date: December 16, 2025

Sima G. Patel
Judge, Court of Claims