STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

EXCLUSIVE BRANDS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 24-000164-MZ

MICHIGAN CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY,

Hon. Sima G. Patel

Defendant.
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SCHEDULING ORDER FOLLOWING 1/27/26 HEARING

The Court conducted a hearing on January 27, 2026, at which counsel for both parties was present, in this action under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The parties informed the Court that they now agree that approximately 570 pages of documents were produced by defendant in September 2025, and that the current disagreement is centered on whether additional internal communication documents exist. The Court lacks sufficient information to decide that issue on this record. Accordingly,

1. The Court DIRECTS defendant to produce for a deposition the witness with the most knowledge regarding plaintiff's FOIA request, the efforts made to respond to that request, and the efforts made to comply with the Court's July 7, 2025 opinion and order.

2. The Court DIRECTS the parties to provide supplemental briefing thereafter, including an explanation regarding the existence of the requested documents and any potential FOIA exemptions that may preclude production.

3. The parties must file their post-deposition briefs with the Court no later than Friday, March 27, 2026.

This is not a final order.

Date: January 27, 2026

Sima G. Patel
Judge, Court of Claims