STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

THOMAS ANDREW SCHOENBERGER, doing business as Cicada 3301, Cicada 3301 Token, and Cicada 3301 Portals, CICADA 3301 METAVERSE, LLC, and SOPHIA MUSIK,

Plaintiffs,

v

Case No. 25-000045-MM

TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY REBECCA BAHAR-COOK, MIKE BALOW, DENNIS DENNO, RENEE KNAKE JEFFERSON, SANDY PIERCE, BRIANNA T. SCOTT, KELLY TEBAY, REMA VASSAR, SHAWN TURNER, MONIQUE TURNER, and LAURA DILLEY,

Hon. Michael J. Riordan

Defendants.
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THOMAS ANDREW SCHOENBERGER, doing business as Cicada 3301, Cicada 3301 Token, and Cicada 3301 Portals, CICADA 3301 METAVERSE, LLC, and SOPHIA MUSIK,

Plaintiffs,

v

Case Nos. 25-000186-MZ; 26-000013-MZ

TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY REBECCA BAHAR-COOK, DENNIS DENNO, RENEE KNAKE JEFFERSON, SANDY PIERCE, BRIANNA T. SCOTT, KELLY TEBAY, REMA VASSAR, KEVIN M. GUSKIEWICZ, HEIDI HENNICK-KAMINSKI, ~~PRABU DAVID~~, DIMITAR DELIYSKI, SHAWN TURNER, MONIQUE TURNER, and LAURA DILLEY, in their official and individual capacities

Hon. Michael J. Riordan

Defendants.
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ORDER GRANTING IN PART PLAINTIFFS' 9/29/26 MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE

On September 8, 2026, the Court granted in part defendants' motion for summary disposition "to the extent the claims are based on events that occurred more than six months before plaintiffs filed notice of their claims in their first complaint" as required by the notice provision of MCL 600.6431(4) of the Court of Claims Act. Plaintiffs relied on various undated events in their complaints. Determining this issue to be outcome-determinative of many of plaintiffs' claims, before reaching the merits of the various other grounds raised by defendants in support of their summary disposition motion, the Court directed plaintiffs to file a supplemental brief within 21 days limited to "identify[ing] the dates of undated communications, publications, and events cited in support of their claims."

On the date the supplemental brief was due, plaintiffs moved for a time extension, citing the voluminous record, complex issues raised, and the "new and novel authority"—*Short v Mich State Police*—cited in the Court's opinion and order. The scope of the supplemental brief ordered by the Court is extremely narrow, requesting only information regarding the dates of various undated events cited in the complaints. Plaintiffs have not sought reconsideration or applied for leave to appeal from the Court's application of the definition of "personal injury" from *Short*. The Court has not granted plaintiffs permission to argue the merits of *Short* or provide updated arguments on any legal issue in the supplemental brief. Identifying the dates on which various events cited in the complaints occurred could easily have been completed within the 21 days allowed in the Court's order.

Accordingly, the Court GRANTS IN PART plaintiffs' motion to extend the deadline for their supplemental brief. Plaintiffs are directed to file a supplemental brief addressing only the issue specifically identified in the Court's order no later than noon on Monday, October 12, 2026. This is not a final order resolving all issues in this matter.

Date: 09/30/2026

Michael J. Riordan
Judge, Court of Claims