STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

RICHARD ALLEN SMITH, SR.,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 26-000019-MM

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,

Hon. James Robert Redford

Defendant.
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ORDER DENYING 3/2/26 MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT

On February 5, 2026, the Court ordered plaintiff to show cause why this matter should not be dismissed for lack of a verified claim or notice of intention to file a claim under MCL 600.6431(2)(d) of the Court of Claims Act. Plaintiff did not timely respond or remedy the defect in the filing. The Court dismissed plaintiff's complaint and closed the action on March 2, 2026.

Plaintiff filed a motion to reinstate his case and asked the Court to accept the following verified claim:

VERIFIED CLAIM UNDER MCL 600.6431(2)(d)

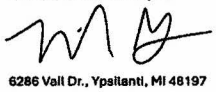
I, Richard Allen Smith, Sr., declare under penalty of perjury:

- I intend to pursue a claim against the Regents of the University of Michigan for deceptive parking fee recharges and unjust enrichment.
- The injury occurred on or about February 24, 2022, when I was charged $1,680.55 under protest for parking permits already paid via payroll deductions from 2016–2019.
- The Defendant is a state entity subject to the Court of Claims Act.

I am the Plaintiff in this matter and the facts stated in the complaint and exhibits are true to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on March 2, 2026

/s/ Richard Allen Smith, Sr.



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This "verified claim" was not signed before a licensed notary and was not included in an amended complaint as directed by the February 5, 2026 order to show cause. Accordingly, plaintiff has not remedied the defect identified in the Court's order. The Court DENIES plaintiff's motion for reinstatement without prejudice to plaintiff filing a new action with a complaint verified and signed before a licensed notary.

Date: March 3, 2026

James Robert Redford
Judge, Court of Claims