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CHURCHES FILE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT AGAINST GOVERNOR WHITMER

Word of Faith Christian Center Church, et. al. v Whitmer (U.S. District Court)

Lansing, Michigan – As first reported on the Steve Gruber Radio Show, the Great Lakes Justice Center (GLJC), on behalf of a number of Michigan churches and individuals, filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in Grand Rapids today against Governor Gretchen Whitmer. The suit challenges the Governor’s illegal and unlawful Executive Orders (EO) issued since April 30, 2020. She now attempts to enforce these EOs as having the force and effect of law and threatens anyone in noncompliance with criminal charges and fines.

A copy of the Complaint can be found at https://greatlakesjc.org/cases/wofccc_v_whitmer/ and alleges:

- 1. Violation of Plaintiffs’ First Amendment right to Free Exercise of Religion.**
- 2. Violation of Plaintiffs’ First Amendment right to Free Expression and Association.**
- 3. Violation of Plaintiffs’ Constitutional Due Process Rights.**
- 4. Violation of the Constitutional requirement for Separation of Powers.**
- 5. Violation of the Constitutional Guarantee of a republican form of government.**
- 6. The Michigan Emergency Powers laws are unconstitutional.**

Plaintiffs allege in their Complaint:

- Just because a governor has ink in her pen does not mean the Constitution authorizes her to use it, notwithstanding good intentions. The Constitution does not become irrelevant during any emergency, including a pandemic. Instead of every citizen being subject to the rule of law, they have become subjects of Defendant’s daily edicts. (page 22 of the Complaint).
- Nothing in the U.S. Constitution authorizes a state governor to suspend constitutional representative governance by declaring new emergencies every 28 days into perpetuity. Allowing one person to wield absolute power is not a republican form of government, it is tyranny. (p. 20).

David A. Kallman, Senior Counsel with the GLJC, stated, “Churches are essential to the health and well-being of everyone. If Walmart and Home Depot can open and sell goods to customers while following CDC guidelines, surely churches can do the same.” Professor William Wagner, President of GLJC said, “Today, Michigan is under governance by decree; this suit is a call to return to Constitutional government accountable to the people.”

The Great Lakes Justice Center is a non-profit corporation dealing with First Amendment liberties and other civil rights issues. The attorneys at the center have spent countless hours to protect its client’s constitutional freedoms and are grateful to minister to such important causes. To support the Great Lakes Justice Center’s important work to protect our nation’s first freedoms, please visit them at www.greatlakesjc.org.