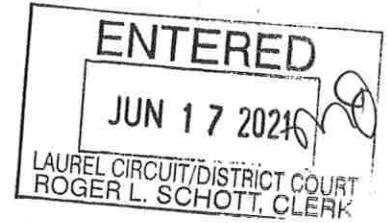


COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
LAUREL CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION 2
CASE NO. 21-CI-00440
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, *ex rel.*
ATTORNEY GENERAL DANIEL CAMERON;

JACKIE STEELE, in his official capacity as
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY FOR THE 27th Judicial Circuit,

Plaintiffs

v.

KENTUCKY PAROLE BOARD, *et. al.*,

Defendants

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

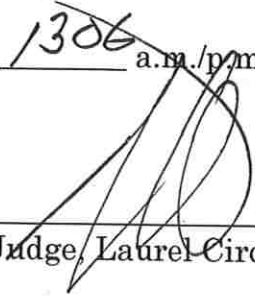
This matter was before the Court on June 14, 2021, for a hearing on the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order filed by the Plaintiffs, Commonwealth of Kentucky *ex rel.* Attorney General Daniel Cameron, and Commonwealth's Attorney Jackie Steele, in his official capacity and on behalf of crime victims, to preclude the Defendants, the Kentucky Parole Board ("Board") *ex rel.* its members in their official capacities, and the Kentucky Department of Corrections *ex rel.* Commissioner Cookie Crews in her official capacity, from giving effect to the Board's April 1, 2021 Directive ("Directive"), including providing or facilitating parole eligibility hearings for prisoners who were previously ordered to serve out their life sentences.

Pursuant to CR 65.03(1), Plaintiffs certified in writing that they provided notice of the hearing to Defendants on June 11, 2021, and June 14, 2021. All parties attended the hearing through their respective counsel. The Court having heard the arguments of counsel, reviewed the Verified Complaint and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and exhibits attached thereto, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, hereby finds the requirements of CR 65.03 are satisfied and **GRANTS** the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order as follows:

1. Defendants, the Kentucky Parole Board, the members of the Kentucky Parole Board, and the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Corrections, and each of their officers, agents, and attorneys and other persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the restraining order by personal service or otherwise, are hereby **RESTRAINED** from giving any effect to the Directive issued by the Board on April 1, 2021, to include providing additional parole eligibility hearings to prisoners in the custody or under the control of the Kentucky Department of Corrections who have already been ordered to serve out their life sentences.
2. The Defendants are granted leave to file a written response brief to Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order on or before June 28, 2021, after which Plaintiffs may file a reply brief within fourteen (14) days after the filing of Defendants' response. The Court retains the discretion to revisit this matter upon receipt of these briefs.

3. Pursuant to CR 65.05(1), the Court finds it in the public interest to waive the bond requirement.

So ordered this the 16 day of June, 2021, at 1306 a.m./p.m.



Circuit Judge, Laurel Circuit Court

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I certify that on June 1, 2021, a copy of above was filed with the Court and served by email and U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

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