

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

COALITION TO DEFEND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION,
INTEGRATION AND IMMIGRATION RIGHTS AND
FIGHT FOR EQUALITY BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY
(BAMN), UNITED FOR EQUALITY AND AFFIRMATIVE
ACTION LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, RAINBOW PUSH
COALITION, CALVIN JEVON COCHRAN, LASHELLE
BENJAMIN, BEAUTIE MITCHELL, DENESHA RICHEY,
STASIA BROWN, MICHAEL GIBSON, CHRISTOPHER
SUTTON, LAQUAY JOHNSON, TURQOISE WISE-
KING, BRANDON FLANNIGAN, JOSIE HUMAN,
ISSAMAR CAMACHO, KAHLEIF HENRY,
SHANAE TATUM, MARICRUZ LOPEZ,
ALEJANDRA CRUZ, ADARENE HOAG, CANDICE
YOUNG, TRISTAN TAYLOR, WILLIAMS FRAZIER,
JERELL ERVES, MATTHEW GRIFFITH,
LACRISSA BEVERLY, D'SHAWN M
FEATHERSTONE, DANIELLE NELSON,
JULIUS CARTER, KEVIN SMITH, KYLE
SMITH, PARIS BUTLER, TOUISSANT KING,
AIANA SCOTT, ALLEN VONOU, RANDIAH
GREEN, BRITTANY JONES, COURTNEY DRAKE,
DANTE DIXON, JOSEPH HENRY REED,
AFSCME LOCAL 207, AFSCME LOCAL 214,
AFSCME LOCAL 312, AFSCME LOCAL 836,
AFSCME LOCAL 1642, AFSCME LOCAL 2920,
and the DEFEND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PARTY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JENNIFER GRANHOLM, in her official capacity as Governor
of the State of Michigan, the REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN
STATE UNIVERSITY, the BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE
STATE UNIVERSITY, and the TRUSTEES of any other public
college or university, community college, or school district,

Defendants,

and

Case No. 06-15024
Hon. David M. Lawson

**ORDER GRANTING
TEMPORARY INJUNCTION
AND DISMISSING CROSS-
CLAIM IN PART**

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY and the BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY,

Cross-Plaintiffs,

v.

JENNIFER GRANHOLM, in her official capacity as Governor of the State of Michigan,

Cross-Defendant.

**ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY INJUNCTION
AND DISMISSING CROSS-CLAIM IN PART**

This case was commenced on November 8, 2006 by several plaintiffs who claim that a recently-approved state constitutional amendment, Proposal 06-2, now known as Article 1, section 26 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, that purports to bar the use of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to promote diversity in public hiring, contracting, and university admission decisions, violates the United States Constitution. On December 11, 2006, defendants Regents of the University of Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and the Board of Governors of Wayne State University filed a cross-claim against co-defendant Governor Jennifer Granholm seeking declaratory relief. The University parties also requested a preliminary injunction to delay the implementation of the state constitutional amendment until the current enrollment season is completed. Thereafter, the Michigan Attorney General sought permission to intervene as a defendant in the matter, together with a motion to expedite consideration of the motion to intervene, citing his “duty to defend the constitutionality” of the ballot initiative. Mot. to

Intervene ¶ 13. The parties to the case either took no position or consented to the relief, and the Court granted the motion to intervene on December 14, 2006.

On December 18, 2006, the Court received a stipulation from all parties to the case, including intervening defendant Michigan Attorney General, consenting to the temporary injunctive relief sought by the cross-claimants (the University defendants), and agreeing to dismiss the portion of the cross-claim seeking a temporary injunction [dkt #26]. The Court finds that the interests of all parties and the public are represented adequately through the state defendants and their various elected representatives, and the Court, therefore, will approve the stipulation.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application of Article 1, section 26 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 to the current admissions and financial aid policies of defendants Regents of the University of Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and the Board of Governors of Wayne State University is enjoined from this date through the end of the current admissions and financial aid cycles or until further order of the Court. This injunction shall expire at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2007, unless it is vacated by the Court before that date.

It is further **ORDERED** that the portion of the cross-claim by defendants Regents of the University of Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and the Board of Governors of Wayne State University seeking temporary injunctive relief is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**. The cross-claimants may proceed on the remaining part of their cross-claim.

It is further **ORDERED** that each party shall bear its own fees and costs.

It is further **ORDERED** that the motion for preliminary injunction [dkt # 5] is **DISMISSED** as moot.

s/David M. Lawson
DAVID M. LAWSON
United States District Judge

Dated: December 19, 2006

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served upon each attorney or party of record herein by electronic means or first class U.S. mail on December 19, 2006.

s/Felicia M. Moses
FELICIA M. MOSES