

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

PETER J. MESSITTE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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MEMORANDUM

To: Counsel of Record

From: Judge Peter J. Messitte

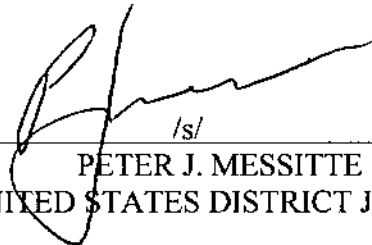
Re: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore et al. v. United States Department of Homeland Security et al.
Civil No. 19-2851 PJM

Date: October 15, 2019

Plaintiffs filed their Complaint on September 27, 2019 seeking injunctive relief and the postponement of the effective date of the Department of Homeland Security's Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds Rule, 84 Fed. Reg. 41,282, among other relief sought. Defendants have not yet appeared in the case. In the meantime, other cases have gone forward, including *Casa De Maryland, Inc. et al v. Trump*, 19-cv-2715 PWG, also in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, before Judge Paul Grimm, *State of Washington et al v. Department of Homeland Security et al*, 19-cv-5210 RMP before Judge Rosanna Peterson in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington and two cases before Judge George Daniels in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York—*State of New York et al v. United States Department of Homeland Security et al*, 19-cv-7777 GBD, and *Make the Road New York et al v. Cuccinelli et al*, 19-cv-7993 GBD. In those cases, Judges Grimm, Peterson and Daniels have issued Orders granting a nationwide Preliminary Injunction. The Court has reviewed these decisions and accompanying Orders.

Inasmuch as each of these Orders involves a nationwide Preliminary Injunction, this Court does not see a need at present to enter into yet another consideration of the relief sought by Plaintiffs in this case. This is particularly true given that the nationwide Preliminary Injunction issued in the case before Judge Peterson in the Eastern District of Washington is one in which the State of Maryland is a Plaintiff.¹ Therefore, pending further order, the Court will **DEFER** ruling on the Complaint.

Despite the informal nature of this ruling, it shall constitute an Order of the Court and the Clerk is directed to docket it accordingly.


/s/
PETER J. MESSITTE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: Court File

¹ The fact that one case involving a given State and a second case involving two major cities in the same State are in different courts, to say the least, suggests considerable inefficiency from the standpoint of judicial economy.