

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

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**LETTER ORDER**

TO COUNSEL OF RECORD and PRO SE DEFENDANTS

Re: Snyder v. Phelps, et al.  
Civil No. RDB 06-1389

Dear Counsel and Pro Se Defendants:

As noted in my Memorandum Opinion and Order of February 4, 2008, the Defendants' Motions to Stay (Paper ##212 and 214) remain pending before this Court. The hearing on said motions is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 5D. All parties are expected to attend.

Pursuant to Rule 62(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a stay of proceedings to enforce a judgment may be obtained when the defendant/appellant has posted a supersedeas bond approved by the Court. The purpose of this bond is to preserve the *status quo* during the pending of an appeal. Accordingly, the Defendants must propose a plan to provide security to adequately protect the interest of the Plaintiff. This Court may waive the supersedeas bond requirement where alternative means of securing the judgment are available. Accordingly, the Defendants are instructed to bring with them to the hearing on March 6, copies of deeds, titles to property in which they have any interest, as well as bank account information so that this Court may address a proposed plan for the providing of adequate security to secure the judgment in this case.

In order to provide the Defendants adequate opportunity to compile this information and to insure that there is no confusion prior to the hearing on March 6, counsel and the parties are instructed to contact my chambers to advise of their availability for a conference call during the week of February 18, 2008.

Although informal in format, this letter nonetheless constitutes an order of court and the Clerk is directed to docket it as such.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Richard D. Bennett  
United States District Judge

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