## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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February 5, 2016

MEMO TO COUNSEL RE: Mary Harris v. Lawrence Hogan, et al. Civil No. JFM-13-2579

Dear Counsel:

I have reviewed the memoranda submitted in connection with plaintiff's motion for leave to file amended complaint.

Plaintiff's motion (document 49) is granted. However, I will permit no further discovery. It appears that plaintiff's amendment of the complaint may be futile but I would prefer to decide the issues pertaining to the naming of the new defendants by way of a motion to dismiss.

Despite the informal nature of this letter, it should be flagged as an opinion and docketed as an order.

Very truly yours,

/s/

J. Frederick Motz United States District Judge