



## II. APPLICABLE LEGAL STANDARDS ON INITIAL REVIEW

The court is required to review in forma pauperis complaints to determine whether summary dismissal is appropriate. See [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(e\)](#). The court must dismiss a complaint or any portion thereof that states a frivolous or malicious claim, that fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or that seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(e\)\(2\)\(B\)](#).

Pro se plaintiffs must set forth enough factual allegations to “nudge[] their claims across the line from conceivable to plausible,” or “their complaint must be dismissed” for failing to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. [Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570 \(2007\)](#); see also [Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 \(2009\)](#), (“A claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.”). Regardless of whether a plaintiff is represented or is appearing pro se, the plaintiff’s complaint must allege specific facts sufficient to state a claim. See [Martin v. Sargent, 780 F.2d 1334, 1337 \(8th Cir. 1985\)](#). However, a pro se plaintiff’s allegations must be construed liberally. [Burke v. North Dakota Dep’t of Corr. & Rehab., 294 F.3d 1043, 1043-44 \(8th Cir. 2002\)](#), (citations omitted).

## III. DISCUSSION OF CLAIMS

Defendant seeks \$5,000,000.00 in damages from the State of Nebraska. The Eleventh Amendment bars claims for damages by private parties against a state. See, e.g., [Egerdahl v. Hibbing Cmty. Coll., 72 F.3d 615, 619 \(8th Cir. 1995\)](#); [Dover Elevator Co. v. Arkansas State Univ., 64 F.3d 442, 446-47 \(8th Cir. 1995\)](#). Any award of retroactive

monetary relief payable by the state, including for back pay or damages, is proscribed by the Eleventh Amendment absent a waiver of immunity by the state or an override of immunity by Congress. See, e.g., [Dover Elevator Co., 64 F.3d at 444](#). There is nothing in the record before the court showing that the State of Nebraska waived, or that Congress overrode, sovereign immunity in this matter. Further, to the extent Brodzki asks for an injunction stopping “all mind and body harassment,” such a broad and vague request is not within the court’s power to grant. In addition, even under the most liberal construction, Brodzki’s Complaint is nonsensical. For these reasons, Brodzki’s complaint must be dismissed pursuant to [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(e\)](#), as he both fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted and seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT: Plaintiff’s Complaint (filing no. [1](#)) is dismissed without prejudice. A separate judgment will be entered in accordance with this Memorandum and Order.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp  
Chief United States District Judge

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