

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

RUI HE, et al.,	:	Case. No. 1:15-CV-1869
Plaintiffs,	:	
v.	:	
DAVOR ROM, et al.,	:	OPINION & ORDER
Defendants.	:	[Resolving Docs. 83]
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JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Rui He represents a putative class of Chinese investors who invested in, and claimed to have been scammed by, Davor Rom and his companies Investor Income Properties, LLC, IIP Ohio, IIP Management, IIP Cleveland Regeneration, LLC, IIP Cleveland Regeneration 2, LLC, Assets Unlimited, LLC, and IIP Akron, LLC (collectively, “Defendants”). Discovery in the case is ongoing. Defendant Rom and the Defendant Corporations both moved for a protective order.¹ Plaintiffs moved to compel.²

At the time that this Court ruled on the pending discovery motions, the Defendant Corporations’ motion for a protective order was not yet ripe. Defendant Corporations moved for an extension of time until March 11, 2016 to file their reply brief.³ The Court granted the motion.⁴ As a result, the Court’s opinion dated March 10, 2016 did not resolve the Defendant Corporations’ motion for a protective order.⁵

Despite the extension of time, the Defendant Corporations did not file a reply brief.

¹ Doc. [83](#); Doc. [76](#).

² Doc. [70](#), Doc. [71](#), Doc. [87](#), Doc. [88](#).

³ Doc. [93](#).

⁴ Doc. [96](#).

⁵ Doc. [97](#).

For the reasons given in resolving Defendant Rom's protective order in the March 10, 2016 opinion, the Court **DENIES** the Defendant Corporations' motion for a protective order. Nevertheless, the parties are not to disclose any of the discovered information to anyone outside this litigation. Before any party files any documents that include "personal information, financial information, medical or psychiatric information, personnel records, commercially sensitive information that is not publically available or what contains a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information,"⁶ the party needs to provide notice to the opposing party to afford them an opportunity to object to the filing.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 22, 2016

s/ James S. Gwin
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

⁶ Doc. [83-1](#) at 3-4.