## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

MIAMI VALLEY HOUSING

**CENTER, INC.** : Case No. 3:10-CV-230

Plaintiff, : Magistrate Judge Sharron L. Ovington

Magistrate Judge Michael J. Newman

: (Mediation)

-VS-

:

**CAMPUS VILLAGE WRIGHT** 

STATE, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT COLE + RUSSELL ARCHITECTS, INC.'S MOTION TO RELIEVE ITS INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FROM IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT DECEMBER 13, 2012 MEDIATION (Doc. 55)

Presently before the Court is a motion by Defendant Cole + Russell Architects ("Cole") to excuse its Insurance Representative from attending in-person the mediation scheduled on December 13, 2012. Doc. 55. The only reason Defendant Cole cites in its memorandum is that the cost of travelling from Orange, California would be a "significant expense" for its insurance carrier, The Travelers Companies, Inc. *Id*.

As of the date of this Order, round-trip flights from the greater Los Angeles area to Dayton, Ohio during the days before and after the mediation are under \$250. Given that this matter involves numerous claimants and cross-claimants – all of whom are required to appear in-person – and that round-trip airfare can be purchased for under \$250, the Court finds Defendant Cole's request on behalf of The Travelers Companies to be without merit. Accordingly, Defendant Cole's motion is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

November 16, 2012

s/Michael J. Newman United States Magistrate Judge