

The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37 (1971), "counsels federal-court absence when there is a pending state proceeding" and "reflects a strong policy against federal intervention in state judicial processes in the absence of great and immediate irreparable injury to the federal plaintiff." *Moore v. Sims*, 442 U.S. 415, 423 (1979). *Younger* abstention has been extended to civil proceedings, see *Huffman v. Pursue, Ltd.*, 420 U.S. 592 (1975), as well as administrative proceedings. See *Ohio Civil Rights Comm'n v. Dayton Christian Sch., Inc.*, 477 U.S. 619, 627-28 (1986).

Underlying the present case are ongoing state judicial proceedings which will likely have an impact on the claims of the Plaintiffs and the defenses of the Defendants. Accordingly, for good cause shown, Defendant Haslam's motion to hold case in abeyance is GRANTED and this case shall be held in abeyance until the ultimate resolution of the underlying state judicial proceedings.

It is so ORDERED this 18th day of May, 2016.

s/ J. DANIEL BREEN
Chief United States District Judge