

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

LINDSEY GARRISON, as Parent
and Natural Guardian of H.G.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 2:21-cv-131-SPC-KCD

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

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ORDER¹

Before the Court is the parties' Joint Notice of Mediation Report indicating the case was settled ([Doc. 38](#)), and the Joint Report indicating Plaintiff has instituted a state court action to approve the settlement on behalf of minor H.G. ([Doc. 40](#)).

Because this case has reached a settlement that must be approved by the state court, the Court will stay this case pending that process. *See Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706-07 (1997) ("The District Court broad discretion to stay proceedings as an incident to its power to control its own docket."). The parties

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must file a status report on the state court action on or before December 19, 2022, and every 60 days thereafter.

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED:

1. This case is **STAYED** pending the parties' state court action for settlement approval.
2. The parties must **FILE** a joint report on the status of the state court action **on or before December 19, 2022**, and every 60 days thereafter.
3. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to add a stay flag to the docket.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida on October 21, 2022.


SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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