

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 30TH (INGHAM COUNTY) CIRCUIT COURT

EDWARD ALLEN, OLIVER HARDY, and
MICHAEL WATKINS, on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

File No. 12-907-CZ

v.

Hon. Joyce A. Draganchuk

DANIEL HEYNS, Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections, THOMAS COMBS, Chair of the Michigan Parole Board, and RICHARD SNYDER, Governor of Michigan, in their official capacities,

Defendants.

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**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS’
RENEWED MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION**

At a session of the Court, held in Lansing,
Michigan, this ___ day of September, 2013

Present: Hon. Joyce A. Draganchuk

The plaintiffs having filed a renewed motion for class certification under MCR 3.501,
and the Court having heard the motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the plaintiffs’ renewed motion for class certification is granted because all the requirements of MCR 3.501(A)(1) and (A)(2) are met. The class definition is:

All parolable lifers in the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections who are also serving a consecutive sentence that the defendants claim forever deprives the parole board of jurisdiction to parole the prisoners, making them forever “commutable only” and thus converting their effective sentence to mandatory life.

The plaintiffs shall send individual notice to the class pursuant to and consistent with MCR 3.501(C); see attached notice and class newsletter #2, which are approved by the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Hon. Joyce A. Draganchuk
30th Circuit Court Judge

Dated: September __, 2013

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