

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

KARLA STEIMEL,)	
<i>Plaintiff,</i>)	
)	
vs.)	1:13-cv-957-JMS-MJD
)	
DEBRA MINOTT, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY)	
AS SECRETARY OF THE INDIANA FAMILY AND)	
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, <i>ET AL.</i> ,)	
<i>Defendants,</i>)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
THOMAS MAERTZ, COLTON COLE, CODY)	
COLE, AND TIMOTHY KEISTER,)	
<i>Intervenor Plaintiffs.</i>)	

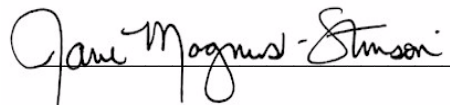
ORDER

Presently pending before the Court is Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff Karla Steimel’s claims for lack of Jurisdiction pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1). [[Filing No. 120.](#)] Defendants contend that Ms. Steimel has conceded in previous briefing in this case that her claims are moot. [[Filing No. 121 at 1-2.](#)] Because Ms. Steimel has conceded the mootness of her claims, say Defendants, this Court lack subject-matter jurisdiction over her claims. [[Filing No. 121 at 2.](#)]

Ms. Steimel agrees that, in light of the Court’s earlier denial of her Motion to Certify a Class, [*see* [Filing No. 112](#)], “her individual claims are moot and that she may be dismissed as a plaintiff.” [[Filing No. 123 at 2.](#)] In so conceding, however, “Ms. Steimel reserves her right to appeal the denial of her [Motion to Certify a Class] following final judgment in this cause.” [[Filing No. 123 at 2](#) (citing [U.S. Parole Comm’n v. Geraghty](#), 445 U.S. 388, 404 (1980)).]

The Court agrees with the parties that Ms. Steimel's claims are moot, and therefore that this Court lack subject-matter jurisdiction over her claims. See [Pakovich v. Verizon LTD Plan](#), [653 F.3d 488, 492 \(7th Cir. 2011\)](#) ("Federal courts lack subject matter jurisdiction when a case becomes moot."). Accordingly, Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Ms. Steimel's claims is **GRANTED**. [[Filing No. 120](#).] No partial final judgment shall issue at this time.

06/26/2014



Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson, Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

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