



Reopen Maryland

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Reopen Maryland Group Joins Federal Lawsuit Against Governor. #ReopenMDLawsuit

Riverdale, MD—ReopenMD LLC, a Maryland business entity formed to advance the values of 23,000-member online group Reopen Maryland, has joined with 17 other plaintiffs in a complaint in Federal District Court for the District of Maryland.

The suit, filed on Saturday, May 3, accuses Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and several other state officials of violating the rights of Antietam Battlefield KOA Campground and costing the business \$50,000 per month in lost revenue.

Named as co-plaintiffs with the campground are 2 disabled veterans denied needed therapy and several clergy unable to adequately minister to their congregations. Also named are four Maryland legislators who assert they are hindered in their ability adequately serve their constituents as well as ReopenMD seeking redress for violation of its members' civil rights.

The suit alleges: "The Governor's Orders violate the plaintiffs' right to not be subject to Martial Law by causing the Maryland State Police to arrest or threaten to arrest, or criminally summons, a citizen of Maryland, all while the Courts of Criminal and Civil Judicature are closed upon the orders of the Governor and citations thereto by Chief Judge Barbara, all in violation of Article 32 of the Declaration of Rights."

All plaintiffs seek injunctive relief removing or reducing COVID-related restrictions on their activities.

ReopenMD LLC was formed by Reopen Maryland organizers to serve as a party in litigation and to provide a mechanism for the supporters to contribute toward litigation.

ReopenMD Chairman Tim Walters says "We will continue to make our voices heard through online presence and physical demonstrations, but now we have a way to press our cause by supporting this cause and other litigation."

The group has engaged two attorneys and plans to begin to accept contributions upon creation of a fundraising website.

The full Federal complaint, as filed, may be found at https://www.docdroid.net/g9MnDPg/federal-complaint1-pdf?fbclid=IwAR3Sc_FXnFqzokTcTFtgd3nmqg4jf94R-C1bc-0fUJWIwRYq-OwuyRARMLo

Reopen Maryland is a grass-roots, nonpartisan group representing over 23,000 Marylanders. We advocate for an end to the overly broad, economically and socially destructive shutdown and lockdown policies that have injured countless Maryland families and businesses and had a chilling effect upon civil rights.

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