

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

HUNTINGTON DIVISION

JOHN BAXLEY, JR.,
ERIC L. JONES,
SAMUEL STOUT,
AMBER ARNETT,
EARL EDMONDSON,
JOSHUA HALL,
DONNA WELLS-WRIGHT,
ROBERT WATSON,
HEATHER REED, and
DANNY SPIKER, JR.,
on their own behalf and
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:18-1526
(Consolidated with 3:18-1533 and 3:18-1436)

BETSY JIVIDEN, in her official capacity as
Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of
Corrections and Rehabilitation and
THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF
CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, and
CARL ALDRIDGE, in his official capacity as
the Superintendent of Western Regional Jail
and Correctional Facility,

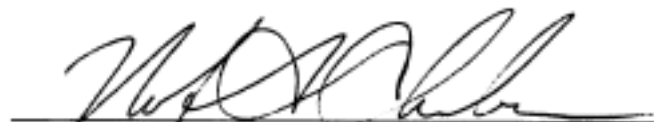
Defendants.

ORDER

Pending before the Court is an “Expedited Motion by the American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia for Leave to Intervene for the Limited Purpose of Seeking to Unseal Court Records.” *ACLU Mot.*, ECF No. 186. By Order dated April 13, 2020, the Court required both parties to submit briefs on the narrow question of the American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia’s (“Movant’s”) intervention in this matter. Defendants do not dispute that this Court

retains the discretion to permit intervention by Movant pursuant to Rule 24(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and do not object to the Court exercising that discretion here. *See* ECF No. 191. Consequently, the Court **GRANTS** Movant's Motion, ECF No. 186, and **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented parties.

ENTER: April 15, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert C. Chambers', written over a horizontal line.

ROBERT C. CHAMBERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE