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Re: Garden State Equality, et al. v. Paula Dow, et al.
Supreme Court Docket No. A-21-13
Appellate Division Docket No. A-0521-13
Law Division Docket No. Mer-L-1729-11

Dismissal of Appeal pursuant to R. 2:8-2

Dear Mr. Neary:

Please accept this letter as a withdrawal of the
appeal in the-above referenced matter, pursuant to Rule 2:8-2.

Thank you for your assistance and courtesies in this
matter.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Hoffman
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c: Joseph Orlando, Clerk of the Appellate Division
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MAUREEN KILIAN; CINDY
MENEHIN; SARAH KILLIAN
MENEHIN; ERIC BRADSHAW; KAREN
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DAVIDSON; KEITH HEIMANN; MARIE
HEIMANN DAVIDSON; and GRACE
HEIMANN DAVIDSON,

Respondents,

v.

PAULA DOW, in her official
capacity as Attorney General
of New Jersey; JENNIFER VELEZ,
in her official capacity as
Commissioner of the New Jersey
Department of Human Services;
and MARY E. O'DOWD, in her
official capacity as
Commissioner of the New Jersey
Department of Health and
Senior Services,

Appellants.

CIVIL ACTION

ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION FROM
THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW
JERSEY, LAW DIVISION, MERCER
COUNTY

Sat Below: Hon. Mary C.
Jacobson, A.J.S.C.
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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I, ROBERT LOUGY, of full age, hereby certify:

1. I am an Assistant Attorney General employed by the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Law. I am assigned to represent Appellants in the above-captioned matter.

2. On October 21, 2013, I caused to be delivered by overnight delivery the letter from Acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman to the Clerks of the Supreme Court and the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey informing them of State Defendants' dismissal of the appeal pursuant to R. 2:8-2 in the above-captioned matter to:

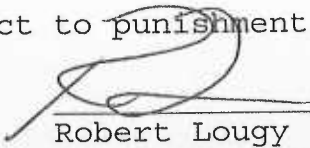
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I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are false, I am subject to punishment.



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Dated: October 21, 2013