

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington Corporation, FORTRA, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, and HEALTH-ISAC, INC., a Florida Corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN DOES 1-2, JOHN DOES 3-4 (AKA CONTI RANSOMWARE GROUP), JOHN DOES 5-6 (AKA LOCKBIT RANSOMWARE GROUP), JOHN DOES 7-8 (AKA DEV-0193), JOHN DOES 9-10 (AKA DEV-0206), JOHN DOES 11-12 (AKA DEV-0237), JOHN DOES 13-14 (AKA DEV-0243), JOHN DOES 15-16 (AKA DEV-0504), Controlling Computer Networks and Thereby Injuring Plaintiffs and Their Customers,

Defendants.

**Case No.**

**FILED UNDER SEAL**

**BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED PAGE LIMITS RE:  
BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' APPLICATION FOR AN EMERGENCY *EX PARTE* TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE:  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 7, Plaintiffs hereby moves for leave to exceed the page limits for its Brief In Support of Plaintiffs' Application for an Emergency *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re: Preliminary Injunction.

Contemporaneously with the filing of this Motion, Plaintiffs are filing an Application for an Emergency *Ex Parte* Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause Re: Preliminary Injunction (the "TRO Application"). Plaintiffs' brief in support of the TRO Application is 49 pages.

Plaintiffs understand that page limits for such briefs are set by individual judges and generally between 25-35 pages. Because of the complexity of the issue presented in this case,

however, Plaintiffs cannot fully explain the factual and legal bases for its TRO Application within the anticipated 25-35-page limit. Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully requests that this Court grant leave to exceed the page limits imposed in this case. Plaintiffs are filing this Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limits contemporaneously with the filing of their case-initiating documents and TRO Application because of the urgent nature of these proceedings, the need for emergency relief, and the importance of maintaining confidentiality regarding the relief Plaintiffs request from the Court.

The Court may, in its discretion, grant leave to a party to exceed the page limit set forth by individual judicial requirements and consider the party's brief in its entirety. Here, because the substantial public interest involved, the nature of the relief requested, and the complexity of Defendants' unlawful conduct, enlargement of the page limitation is critical to permitting Plaintiffs a full opportunity to describe the extensive technical factual predicate for its TRO Application.

Plaintiffs are submitting extensive evidence in support of its TRO Application that must be set forth in detail in the supporting brief. In particular, Plaintiffs are submitting detailed technical declarations and other evidence related to the following: (i) the tactics used by Defendants for cybercriminal operations; (ii) the complex methodology for infecting and remotely interfering with the victim's computers; (iii) the harmful effects of Defendants' behaviors on the Plaintiffs, its members or customers, and the general public; and (iv) the irreparable harm suffered by Plaintiffs as a result of Defendants' actions. In order to fully explain the significance of this evidence, Plaintiffs require more than the anticipated 25-35 pages of briefing.

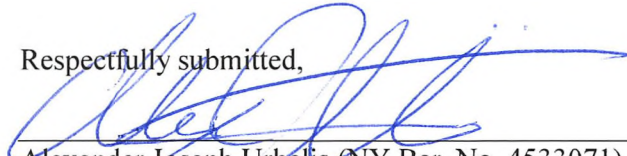
Accordingly, given the technical issues presented in this case and the *ex parte* nature of the TRO Application, Plaintiffs respectfully request relief from the Court's page limitation so that Plaintiffs can provide the Court with the information it needs to rule on the merits of the TRO Application.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated, Plaintiffs request leave to exceed the anticipated 25-35-page limit set forth and asks that the Court consider Plaintiffs' brief in support of its TRO Application in its entirety.

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Respectfully submitted,



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