

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

James Bruno, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

- against -

American Textile Company, Incorporated,
Defendant

1:22-cv-02937

Hon. LaShonda A. Hunt

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties submit the following Joint Status Report pursuant to the Court's Minute Entry dated August 5, 2025 (Doc. No. 71).

The parties participated in an all-day in-person mediation of this and related cases before (ret.) U.S. Magistrate Judge Lisa Lenihan on September 30, 2024 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As a result of the mediation and post-mediation discussions, the parties agreed on all material terms of a settlement, subject to judicial approval.

On February 27, 2025, a preliminary settlement approval motion was filed by the plaintiff in a similarly-styled action pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, captioned *Santiago v. American Textile Company, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-1811. If the settlement is approved finally in *Santiago*, Plaintiff will dismiss this action, with prejudice. The preliminary approval motion was approved in *Santiago* on October 30, 2025. The Court in *Santiago* set a fairness hearing for February 11, 2026.

In light of the above, the parties respectfully request that the Court continue the stay of this matter until at least February 18, 2026, and direct the parties to file a joint status report thereafter, as the parties pursue final approval of their settlement in *Santiago*.

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