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You are hereby notified that the Court, by its Clerk and Commissioners, has entered the following order:

No. 2021AP1615-W

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On September 16, 2021, Mr. James Rossin, pro se, filed a petition for writ in this court. In it, he contends that his medical condition and his disability make it extremely difficult for him to navigate the court process. He demands, very generally summarized: (1) a stay of payment for two prior court judgments; (2) a change of venue for all future court actions; (3) notice to the courts as to why there was a change in venue; and (4) other relief that will be requested in the future.

On September 28, 2021, Mr. Rossin requested additional time to supplement his writ petition. On September 30, 2021 this court granted his request and advised him that his supplement

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was due October 29, 2021. On October 26, 2021, Mr. Rossin requested another extension of time, to file the addendum to his Motion for Writ. He also requested a page limit extension and guidance on whether he could or should amend his initial writ petition. On November 2, 2021 this court granted Mr. Rossin's second request for additional time, extending the deadline until January 18, 2022, granted his request for a page limit extension, and allowed him to file an addendum to his motion for writ.

On January 26, 2022, Mr. Rossin filed a letter acknowledging the deadline had past, explained that he had been ill, and requested a one-week extension. On February 8, 2022, this court granted Mr. Rossin's third extension request and extended the deadline for the addendum until February 22, 2022. The order stated that no further extensions would be allowed.

On February 22, 2022, Mr. Rossin filed a letter accusing the court of disregarding his requests and demanding additional time. He attaches letters from his physicians confirming his health issues.

On March 22, 2022, Mr. Rossin filed a document captioned "motion to stay." It appears he seeks to stay his own writ petition. On March 24, 2022, Mr. Rossin filed a document he describes as a "coerced addendum" that reiterates his frustration with the court process.

First, we note that this court has thus far granted each of Mr. Rossin's extension requests filed in this matter. Second, a thorough review of the underlying proceedings has been conducted.

As relevant here, it appears that Mr. Rossin filed this writ petition following a July 16, 2021 order issued by the Wisconsin Court of Appeals that dismissed his direct appeal in City of Platteville v. Rossin, No. 2020AP2155, due to Mr. Rossin's failure to file an appellate brief in that case. That appeal challenged a disorderly conduct citation, 20-FO-399, for which Mr. Rossin was directed to pay a \$100 forfeiture. A review of the record indicates that the circuit court granted Mr. Rossin's motion to stay entry of the judgment, pending his appeal.

This writ proceeding was initiated by Mr. Rossin and has already been delayed at Mr. Rossin's request for some eight (8) months. An indefinite stay of proceedings is not merited and would be inconsistent with judicial administration. However, in light of the information provided, including the January 22, 2022 letter from Dr. Terrance Norton, we will hold this matter in abeyance until August 30, 2022. We will also afford Mr. Rossin one final opportunity to file an addendum to his petition, which shall be filed no later than September 15, 2022. At that time the pending matter will be considered by the court with the documents that have been properly filed as of that date. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the relief requested in the petition for writ and supplemental documents filed by James Rossin, is held in abeyance until further order of this court; and

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before September 15, 2022, Mr. Rossin may file an addendum to his petition for writ, that complies with the guidelines set forth in this court's order dated November 2, 2021 (i.e. an addendum that shall not exceed 35 double-spaced pages with standard margins) and no further extensions will be permitted. On September 16, 2022, this matter will be considered by the court with the documents properly filed with the court as of that date and a decision will issue in due course.

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