## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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OMAR ALEJANDRO MEDINA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	Civil Action No. 22-0314 (UNA)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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## **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

This matter comes before the court on review of plaintiff's application to proceed *in* forma pauperis and his pro se civil complaint. The Court will grant the application and dismiss the complaint.

A *pro se* litigant's pleadings are held to less stringent standards than the standard applied to formal pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972). Even *pro se* litigants, however, must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires that a complaint contain a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the Court's jurisdiction depends, a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief, and a demand for judgment for the relief the pleader seeks. Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). The purpose of the minimum standard of Rule 8 is to give fair notice to the defendants of the claim being asserted, sufficient to prepare a responsive answer, to prepare an adequate defense

and to determine whether the doctrine of res judicata applies. Brown v. Califano, 75 F.R.D. 497,

498 (D.D.C. 1977).

According to plaintiff, the filing fee to enter the race for Governor of the State of

California is \$3,916.12, an amount plaintiff cannot afford. See Compl. at 7. He demands an

award of \$44 million not only to pay the filing fee, but also to provide protection for himself

from persons who violate his privacy and otherwise threaten to harm him. See id. at 6, 7. This

sum also, it appears, compensates plaintiff "for being blamed for allowing sex trafficking in

California." *Id.* at 7.

As drafted, plaintiff's complaint fails to comply with the minimal pleading standard set

forth in Rule 8(a). Plaintiff neither states a basis for this Court's jurisdiction nor sets forth a

short and plain statement of an actual legal claim. The Court will, accordingly, grant the

application to proceed in forma pauperis and dismiss the complaint without prejudice.

A separate order will issue.

DATE: March 9, 2022

/s/

AMIT P. MEHTA

United States District Judge

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