

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

THE NEW GEORGIA PROJECT,  
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRAD RAFFENSPERGER,  
*in his official capacity as the Georgia  
Secretary of State and the Chair of the  
Georgia State Election Board, et al.,*

Defendants.

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**ORDER**

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Presently before the Court is Public Interest Legal Foundation and Landmark Legal Foundation’s (collectively “the Proposed *Amici*”) “Motion for Leave to File *Amici Curiae* Brief.” [Doc. 102]. In their motion, the Proposed *Amici* seek leave to file a brief in opposition to Plaintiffs’ motion for preliminary injunction. [Id.] Plaintiffs oppose the Proposed *Amici*’s motion. [Doc. 117].

“[I]t is well-settled that a district court has broad discretion to grant the request of a non-party to file an amicus brief.” Georgiacarry.org, Inc. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, No. 4:14-CV-0139-HLM, 2016 WL 4595943, at \*1 (N.D. Ga. Jan. 4, 2016) (internal marks and citations omitted). “Courts typically grant amicus status

where the parties contribute to the court's understanding of the matter in question by proffering timely and useful information." Ga. Aquarium, Inc. v. Pritzker, 135 F. Supp. 3d 1280, 1288 (N.D. Ga. 2015) (internal marks and citations omitted).

After reviewing the proposed brief, the Court finds that the information proffered by the Proposed *Amici* is both timely and useful. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** the motion [Doc. 102] and deems the *Amici Curiae* Brief [Doc. 102-1] filed as the date of this Order.

**SO ORDERED**, this 30th day of July, 2020.



Eleanor L. Ross  
United States District Judge  
Northern District of Georgia