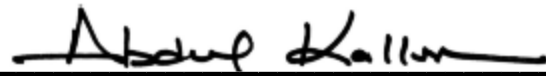


PEOPLE FIRST OF ALABAMA, ET AL.,)	
)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	Civil Action Number
v.)	2:20-cv-00619-AKK
)	
JOHN MERRILL, ET AL.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

The state defendants object to some of the plaintiffs’ discovery requests as unduly burdensome given the accelerated timeline of this case. The state defendants’ concerns are valid, and the court appreciates the burden created by the abbreviated discovery schedule. But, as the court explained previously, “this case has a certain urgency to it,” and the expedited deadlines are needed “to allow the plaintiffs and the defendants sufficient time to appeal.” Doc. 126 at 1. And, as the state defendants’ acknowledge, the plaintiffs’ discovery requests are otherwise fair, and the plaintiffs are entitled to relevant documents to support their claims. Thus, consistent with the discovery conference held yesterday, the state defendants’ objection is **OVERRULED**. Likewise, for the reasons stated in the email sent to the parties yesterday, the objections related to discrete subparts are also **OVERRULED**.

DONE the 14th day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abdul Kallon", written over a horizontal line.

ABDUL K. KALLON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE