UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

PEOPLE FIRST OF ALABAMA, et al., Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

JOHN H. MERRILL,

in his official capacity as the Secretary of the State of Alabama, et al., *Defendants-Appellants*.

On Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama
Case No. 2:20-cv-00619-AKK

MOTION TO VOLUNTARILY DISMISS APPEAL

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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 26.1 and Eleventh Circuit Rule 26.1-1(a)(3) and 26.1-2(b), the undersigned counsel certifies that the following listed persons and parties may have an interest in the outcome of this case:

- 1. Abudu, Nancy G. Counsel for Plaintiffs;
- 2. Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program Counsel for Plaintiffs;
- 3. Alabama State Conference of the NAACP Appellee;
- 4. Anderson-Smith, Jacqueline Defendant, Circuit Clerk of Jefferson County, Alabama;
- Barnett, Alleen Defendant, Absentee Election Manager of Mobile
 County, Alabama;
- 6. Brom, Steven M Counsel for Amicus Honest Elections Project;
- 7. Burks, Karen Dunn Defendant, Deputy Circuit Clerk of the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County, Alabama;
- 8. Bowdre, Alexander Barrett Counsel for Appellants;
- Caroll, Donald McKinley Counsel for Defendants Jacqueline
 Anderson-Smith and Karen Dunn Burks;
- 10. Clopton, Robert Appellee;
- 11. Davis, Elliott M. Counsel for United States of America;
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- 14. Dreiband, Eric S. U.S. Assistant Attorney General, Civil RightsDivision, Counsel for United States of America;
- 15. Dungan, Aubrey Patrick Counsel for Defendant Alleen Barnett;
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- 18. Essig, Brandon Keith Counsel for Defendant Mary B. Roberson;
- 19. Freeman, Daniel J. Counsel for United States of America;
- 20. Greater Birmingham Ministries Appellee;
- 21. Green, Tyler R. Counsel for Amicus Honest Elections Project
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- 25. Kallon, Hon. Abdul K. Judge for the Northern District of Alabama;
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- 27. Lance, Steven Counsel for Plaintiffs;
- 28. Lawson, Theodore A. Counsel for Defendants Jacqueline Anderson-Smith and Karen Dunn Burks;
- 29. Marshall, Hon. Steve Alabama Attorney General;
- 30. Merle, Natasha C. Counsel for Plaintiffs;
- 31. Merrill, Hon. John H. Alabama Secretary of State, Appellant;
- 32. Messick, Misty S. Fairbanks Counsel for Appellants;

- 33. NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund Counsel for Plaintiffs;
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- 36. People First of Alabama Appellee;
- 37. Reed, Mahogane D. Counsel for Plaintiffs;
- 38. Roberson, Mary B. Defendant; Circuit Clerk of Lee County, Alabama;
- 39. Ross, Deuel Counsel for Plaintiffs;
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- 41. Ryan, Jenny Counsel for Plaintiffs;
- 42. Sewell, Robert Jackson Counsel for Defendant Mary B. Roberson;
- 43. Short, Caren E. Counsel for Plaintiffs;
- 44. Sinclair, Winfield J. Counsel for Appellants;
- 45. Smith, Brenton Merrill Counsel for Appellants;
- 46. Southern Poverty Law Center Counsel for Plaintiffs;
- 47. State of Alabama Appellant;
- 48. Town, Jay E. United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, Counsel for United States of America;
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- 50. Van Der Pol, William Counsel for Plaintiffs;

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Respectfully submitted this 16th day of July, 2020.

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The Appellants seek to voluntarily dismiss this appeal. Rule 42(b) governs that procedure:

The circuit clerk may dismiss a docketed appeal if the parties file a signed dismissal agreement specifying how costs are to be paid and pay any fees that are due. But no mandate or other process may issue without a court order. An appeal may be dismissed on the appellant's motion on terms agreed to by the parties or fixed by the court.

Fed. R. App. P. 42(b).

The Appellees do not object to this dismissal. The parties agree that each party will bear its own attorney's fees and costs for this appeal. The Appellants thus move this Court to enter an order dismissing this appeal without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 16, 2020, I filed the foregoing petition using the Court's CM/ECF system, which will serve all counsel of record.

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