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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Mi Familia Vota, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Katie Hobbs, in her official capacity as the
Arizona Secretary of State,

Defendant.

No. 2:20-cv-01903-SPL

MOTION TO INTERVENE

The Republican National Committee (“RNC”) and the National Republican Senatorial Committee (“NRSC” and, together with the RNC, the “Proposed Intervenors”) respectfully move to intervene in this action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 24. “Rule 24 traditionally receives liberal construction in favor of applicants for intervention,” *Arakaki v. Cayetano*, 324 F.3d 1078, 1083 (9th Cir. 2003), and, as detailed below, the Proposed Intervenors’ participation in these proceedings will not only protect their cognizable legal interests in the uniform and consistent enforcement of Arizona’s voter registration laws, but

will facilitate the informed and expeditious resolution of the issues presented in the Complaint.

ARGUMENT

I. The Proposed Intervenorors Are Entitled to Intervene As of Right

Intervention must be permitted

when the proposed intervenor claims an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action, and is so situated that disposing of the action may as a practical matter impair or impede the movant's ability to protect its interest, unless existing parties adequately represent that interest.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2). The Ninth Circuit has distilled this provision to a four-part rubric. "A party seeking to intervene as of right must meet four requirements: (1) the applicant must timely move to intervene; (2) the applicant must have a significantly protectable interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action; (3) the applicant must be situated such that the disposition of the action may impair or impede the party's ability to protect that interest; and (4) the applicant's interest must not be adequately represented by existing parties." *Arakaki*, 324 F.3d at 1083; *see also Donnelly v. Glickman*, 159 F.3d 405, 409 (9th Cir. 1998); *United States v. City of Los Angeles*, 288 F.3d 391, 397 (9th Cir. 2002). "In evaluating whether Rule 24(a)(2)'s requirements are met, we normally follow 'practical and equitable considerations' and construe the Rule 'broadly in favor of proposed intervenors.' We do so because '[a] liberal policy in favor of intervention serves both efficient resolution of issues and broadened access to the courts.'" *Wilderness Soc. v. U.S. Forest Serv.*, 630 F.3d 1173, 1179 (9th Cir. 2011) (internal citations omitted). Each of the four elements is addressed below.

A. This Motion Is Timely

Any contention that the Proposed Intervenorors tarried unreasonably before seeking to intervene is implausible on its face. This Motion was filed less than 48 hours after the Plaintiffs initiated their suit. The Proposed Intervenorors' diligence in moving to intervene, compounded with the lack of pending discovery and the absence of any prior rulings on the

merits, militate strongly in favor of granting the Motion. *See Arakaki*, 324 F.3d at 1084 (“The district court did not abuse its discretion by finding Hoohuli’s motion, filed three weeks after the filing of Plaintiffs’ complaint, timely.”); *Citizens for Balanced Use v. Mont. Wilderness Ass’n*, 647 F.3d 893, 897 (9th Cir. 2011) (“Applicants filed their motion to intervene in a timely manner, less than three months after the complaint was filed and less than two weeks after the Forest Service filed its answer to the complaint.”); *Silver v. Babbitt*, 166 F.R.D. 418, 424 (D. Ariz. 1994) (allowing intervention when complaint was filed on February 17 and intervenor filed application on March 3).

Indeed, this Court has allowed motions to intervene that were preceded by a far longer temporal lapse, particularly when, as here, the Court has not yet resolved substantive issues in dispute and any alleged dilatoriness did not prejudice any named party. *See, e.g., Acosta v. Huppenthal*, CV 10-623 TUC-AWT, 2012 WL 12829994, at *2 (D. Ariz. Feb. 6, 2012) (“It is true that the Motion to Intervene was filed more than fourteen months after Plaintiffs’ initial Complaint and that it was filed after Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss and Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction had been fully briefed and argued before the Court. However, no discovery has taken place and briefing on the parties’ summary judgment motions is still ongoing.”); *Equal Employment Opportunity Comm’n v. AutoZone, Inc.*, CV 06-1767-PCT-PGR, 2006 WL 8440511, at *1 (D. Ariz. Oct. 31, 2006) (“[T]he motion to intervene was timely brought because it was filed some nine weeks after the commencement of this action.”); *Gila River Indian Cmty. v. United States*, CV10-1993 PHX-DGC, 2010 WL 4811831, at *2 (D. Ariz. Nov. 19, 2010) (six-week delay was not unreasonable, noting that intervention would not disrupt previously issued scheduling order). The Motion hence easily satisfies the timeliness criterion.

B. The Proposed Intervenors Have a Significant Protectable Interest in the Litigation

The Proposed Intervenors “have a significant protectable interest in the action.” *Citizens for Balanced Use v. Mont. Wilderness Ass’n*, 647 F.3d 893, 897 (9th Cir. 2011). “To demonstrate a significant protectable interest, [the movant] must establish that the

1 interest is protectable under some law and that there is a relationship between the legally
2 protected interest and the claims at issue,” but “[n]o specific legal or equitable interest need
3 be established.” *Id.* “Instead, the ‘interest’ test directs courts to make a ‘practical, threshold
4 inquiry’ and ‘is primarily a practical guide to disposing of lawsuits by involving as many
5 apparently concerned persons as is compatible with efficiency and due process.’” *United*
6 *States v. City of Los Angeles*, 288 F.3d 391, 398 (9th Cir. 2002) (internal citations omitted).

7 An “interest” sufficient for intervention at least arguably can be more generalized
8 and diffuse than an “injury” necessary for standing. *See Prete v. Bradbury*, 438 F.3d 949,
9 955 n.8 (9th Cir. 2006) (noting circuit split and declining to decide the question). The
10 Proposed Intervenor’s interest in this dispute, however, is so direct and palpable that the
11 relief sought by the Plaintiffs would exact at least two cognizable legal injuries on them.

12 First, a distinct injury inheres in the existence of an unlawfully structured
13 competitive electoral environment. The notion of competitive standing is not novel, and
14 posits that a candidate or political party may challenge an election law or procedure that
15 unlawfully “hurts the candidate’s or party’s own chances of prevailing in the election.”
16 *Townley v. Miller*, 722 F.3d 1128, 1135 (9th Cir. 2013) (internal citation omitted); *see also*
17 *Drake v. Obama*, 664 F.3d 774, 783 (9th Cir. 2011) (affirming that “the ‘potential loss of
18 an election’ was an injury-in-fact sufficient to give a local candidate and Republican party
19 officials standing”). The deadline governing the submission of voter registration is a pillar
20 of the “structur[e] of th[e] competitive environment,” and Plaintiffs’ requested relief would
21 “fundamentally alter the environment in which [the Proposed Intervenor] defend their
22 concrete interests (e.g. their interest in . . . winning [election or] reelection).” *Shays v.*
23 *Federal Election Comm.*, 414 F.3d 76, 85-86 (D.C. Cir. 2005); *cf.* Wright & Miller, 7C FED.
24 PRAC. & PROC. CIV. § 1908.1 (3d ed.) (“[I]n cases challenging various statutory schemes
25 as unconstitutional or as improperly interpreted and applied, the courts have recognized that
26 the interests of those who are governed by those schemes are sufficient to support
27 intervention.”).



Second, and relatedly, an organization incurs a cognizable injury by a “frustrat[ion]” of “its mission,” which “cause[s] it to divert resources in response to that frustration of purpose.” *East Bay Sanctuary Covenant v. Trump*, 950 F.3d 1242, 1265 (9th Cir. 2020); *see also Havens Realty Corp. v. Coleman*, 455 U.S. 363, 379 (1982) (holding that an alleged “impair[ment]” of organization’s ability to carry out its mission engendered standing, explaining that “[s]uch concrete and demonstrable injury to the organization’s activities—with the consequent drain on the organization’s resources—constitutes far more than simply a setback to the organization’s abstract social interests”); *Texas Democratic Party v. Benkiser*, 459 F.3d 582, 588 (5th Cir. 2006) (observing that “the goal of a political party is to gain control of government by getting its candidates elected” and that this interest can sustain legal standing). The Proposed Intervenor has predicated their own extensive voter registration efforts in Arizona on the statutorily fixed deadline of October 5, 2020. *See* Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-120. By upending this critical fixed premise of the electoral environment, the order sought by the Plaintiffs will impel the Proposed Intervenor to allocate additional scarce resources to voter registration activities in Arizona to ensure that they maintain competitive parity. *See infra* Section I.C.

In short, the Proposed Intervenor’s interests in (1) preserving a predicable, fair and equitable electoral environment underpinned by the enforcement of neutral and generally applicable statutes, and (2) avoiding a diversion of organizational resources caused by last-minute displacements of key statutorily deadline easily suffice for intervention.

C. The Order Sought By Plaintiffs Would Directly Impair the Proposed Intervenor’s Protectable Interests

“Generally, after finding that a proposed intervenor has a significant protectable interest, courts have little difficulty concluding that the disposition of the case may affect it.” *Nat’l Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, PA v. Ampam Riggs Plumbing Inc.*, CV-14-00039-PHX-DGC, 2014 WL 1875160, at *5 (D. Ariz. May 9, 2014); *see also Sw. Center for Biological Diversity v. Berg*, 268 F.3d 810, 822 (9th Cir. 2001) (“We follow the guidance of Rule 24 advisory committee notes that state that ‘[i]f an absentee would be

substantially affected in a practical sense by the determination made in an action, he should, as a general rule, be entitled to intervene.””).

Should the Plaintiffs obtain the relief they seek, the Proposed Intervenors will be impelled to redirect substantial funds and manpower to restarting their voter registration efforts in Arizona, and to educate prospective Republican registrants about the extended registration deadline. As explained in the Declaration of Brian Seitchik (attached hereto as Exhibit A), each additional week during which the voter registration deadline is extended will cost the Republican Committees approximately \$37,000. The Republican Committees’ personnel will also be compelled to expend substantial time and resources developing alternative voter registration, get-out-the-vote drives, and Election Day operation strategies to account for the new reality and educating voters, volunteers, staff, and contractors regarding the change in Arizona’s election rules. *See* Seitchik Decl. ¶¶ 8-9.

The political, financial and logistical dislocations that a ruling in Plaintiffs’ favor would inevitably engender for the Proposed Intervenors constitutes an impairment of their protected interests. *See OCA-Greater Houston v. Texas*, 867 F.3d 604, 612 (5th Cir. 2017) (finding that the need to “educate voters about Texas’s [voter assistance laws]” was “an undertaking that consumed [the plaintiff’s] time and resources in a way they would not have been spent” and so gave rise to organizational standing); *Common Cause Indiana v. Lawson*, 937 F.3d 944, 951 (7th Cir. 2019) (finding organizational standing where “the Organizations will be forced to spend resources cleaning up the mess” caused by challenged voter roll maintenance” and will “expend[] resources educating voters and community activities” about the issue); *Florida State Conference of N.A.A.C.P. v. Browning*, 522 F.3d 1153, 1165–66 (11th Cir. 2008) (same conclusion where “[t]he organizations reasonably anticipate that they will have to divert personnel and time to educating volunteers and voters” about registration issues).

D. No Existing Party Adequately Represents the Proposed Intervenors’ Interests

“The burden of showing inadequacy of representation is ‘minimal,’” *Citizens for*

1 *Balanced Use v. Montana Wilderness Ass’n*, 647 F.3d 893, 898 (9th Cir. 2011), and while
 2 it increases “when the government is acting on behalf of a constituency that it represents,”
 3 *id.*, it is easily discharged in this case.

4 Although both the Secretary and the Proposed Intervenors take the position that the
 5 voter registration deadline prescribed by Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-120(A) is constitutionally
 6 sound and fully enforceable, “the government’s representation of the public interest may
 7 not be ‘identical to the individual parochial interest’ of a particular group just because ‘both
 8 entities occupy the same posture in the litigation.’” *Id.* at 899 (internal citation omitted);
 9 *see also Utah Ass’n of Ctys. v. Clinton*, 255 F.3d 1246, 1255 (10th Cir. 2001); *Sierra Club*
 10 *v. Espy*, 18 F.3d 1202, 1208 (5th Cir. 1994) (allowing industry representatives’ intervention
 11 in challenge to logging regulation that could affect existing timber contracts, noting that
 12 “[t]he government must represent the broad public interest, not just the economic concerns
 13 of the timber industry”); *Crossroads Grassroots Policy Strategies v. Fed. Election Comm’n*,
 14 788 F.3d 312, 321 (D.C. Cir. 2015) (“[W]e look skeptically on government entities serving
 15 as adequate advocates for private parties”); *Wildearth Guardians v. Salazar*, 272 F.R.D. 4,
 16 15 (D.D.C. 2010) (“[I]t is well-established that governmental entities generally cannot
 17 represent the ‘more narrow and parochial financial interest’ of a private party.”); *Nat. Res.*
 18 *Def. Council v. McCarthy*, 16-CV-02184-JST, 2016 WL 3880702, at *4 (N.D. Cal. July 18,
 19 2016) (“[T]he Proposed Intervenors are specifically concerned with their own interests in
 20 the water supplies affected by the challenged water standards, which are distinct from the
 21 interests of the EPA in defending its procedural scheme. The Court therefore cannot
 22 conclude that the EPA ‘will undoubtedly make’ all of the Proposed Intervenors’
 23 arguments.”); *Arizona v. Jewell*, CV-15-00245-TUC-JGZ, 2016 WL 3475333, at *2 (D.
 24 Ariz. Jan. 25, 2016) (“Although [proposed intervenor] seeks the same general outcome as
 25 both the Plaintiffs and the other Plaintiff-Intervenors,” its own uniquely situated interests
 26 supported intervention as of right).

27 This truism assumes particular salience in the electoral context. While the
 28 Secretary’s “arguments turn on [her] inherent authority . . . [and] responsibility to properly

1 administer election laws, the Proposed Intervenor are concerned with ensuring their party
2 members and the voters they represent have the opportunity to vote in the upcoming federal
3 election, advancing their overall electoral prospects, and allocating their limited resources
4 to inform voters about the election procedures.” *Issa v. Newsom*, 220CV01044MCECKD,
5 2020 WL 3074351, at *3 (E.D. Cal. June 10, 2020). Here, the Secretary has not asserted
6 any ability or intention to safeguard the explicitly political, electoral and strategic interests
7 that underlie the Proposed Intervenor’s participation in these proceedings.

8 More specifically, the Proposed Intervenor’s interests diverge from those of the
9 Secretary in at least three respects.

10 **First**, the Secretary’s stated opposition to the Proposed Intervenor’s participation in
11 this action is an *ipso facto* indicator of inadequate representation. *See Utah Ass’n of Cty.*,
12 255 F.3d at 1256 (“The government has taken no position on the motion to intervene in this
13 case. Its ‘silence on any intent to defend the [intervenor’s] special interests is deafening.’”)
14 (internal citation omitted); *WildEarth Guardians v. U.S. Forest Serv.*, 573 F.3d 992, 997
15 (10th Cir. 2009) (citing government’s opposition to coordinating filings with proposed
16 intervenor in concluding that “we are convinced that [proposed intervenor] has established
17 a possibility of inadequate representation”).

18 **Second**, the Secretary’s consent to a consolidation of the Plaintiffs’ motion for
19 preliminary relief with a trial on the merits pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65 and apparent
20 position that this dispute presents pure questions of law bespeak a critical disagreement with
21 the Proposed Intervenor, who believe that the litigation entails significant factual
22 questions. Specifically, the Proposed Intervenor intend to present to the Court evidence
23 that the Secretary will not—in the form of data and declarations relating to the collection of
24 ballot measure petition signatures during the relevant time period—which undermines the
25 Plaintiffs’ allegation of a “burden” on their First and Fourteenth Amendment rights. *See*
26 *generally Berg*, 268 F.3d at 823-24 (observing that “the interests of government and the
27 private sector may diverge. On some issues Applicants will have to express their own
28 unique private perspectives and in essence carry forward their own interests”).

Third, the Secretary has not confirmed any intention to prosecute a vigorous and expedited appeal of an adverse ruling. *See Americans United for Separation of Church & State v. City of Grand Rapids*, 922 F.2d 303, 306 (6th Cir. 1990) (“We agree with the District of Columbia Circuit that a decision not to appeal by an original party to the action can constitute inadequate representation of another party’s interest.”); *Fisher-Borne v. Smith*, 14 F. Supp. 3d 699, 709 (M.D.N.C. 2014) (government’s refusal to appeal “may . . . suggest that Movants are not adequately represented by existing parties”); *see also Wildearth Guardians*, 573 F.3d at 997 (noting the possibility of inadequate representation by government agency and pointing out that “government policy may shift”); *Virginia v. Ferriero*, CV 20-242 (RC), 2020 WL 3128948, at *4 (D.D.C. June 12, 2020) (commenting that “it is not difficult to see that the interests of Movants and the federal government ‘might diverge during the course of the litigation,’ *id.* at 736 particularly since the federal government ‘remains free to change its strategy’ as the case proceeds” (quoting *Fund for Animals, Inc. v. Norton*, 322 F.3d 728, 730 (D.C. Cir. 2003))). Should the Secretary decline to immediately appeal in such circumstances, only the Proposed Intervenors—by virtue of the direct injury to their legal interests that an adverse ruling would inflict, *see supra* Section I.B and I.C—would have standing to independently commence an appeal. *See generally United States v. Windsor*, 570 U.S. 744 (2013) (intervenor must have Article III standing to pursue its own appeal). The very real possibility that the Proposed Intervenors may well be the only party possessing the incentive and willingness to vindicate the enforcement of Arizona’s voter registration deadline underscores at least a potential incongruence of interests with the Secretary. *See Trbovich v. United Mine Workers of Am.*, 404 U.S. 528, 538 & n.10 (1972) (“The requirement of the Rule is satisfied if the applicant shows that representation of his interest ‘may be’ inadequate”; proof of certain divergence is not necessary).

II. In the Alternative, the Court Should Allow Permissive Intervention

Even if the Court finds that one or more of the prerequisites for intervention as of right remain unsatisfied, it should allow the Proposed Intervenor to intervene permissively, pursuant to Rule 24(b). That provision contemplates intervention by “anyone” who “has a claim or defense that shares with the main action a common question of law or fact,” Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b)(1)(B), provided that intervention will not “unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the original parties’ rights,” *id.* 24(b)(3). As apprehended by the Ninth Circuit, Rule 24(b) countenances permissive intervention “where the applicant for intervention shows (1) independent grounds for jurisdiction; (2) the motion is timely; and (3) the applicant’s claim or defense, and the main action, have a question of law or a question of fact in common.” *League of United Latin Am. Citizens v. Wilson*, 131 F.3d 1297, 1308 (9th Cir. 1997). Proposed Intervenor plainly meet each of these requirements, as this Court recently acknowledged when granting intervention to the RNC in a similar case involving challenges to rules for the 2020 election. *See Ariz. Democratic Party v. Hobbs*, Doc. 60, No. 2:20-cv-01143-DLR (D. Ariz. June 26, 2020) (granting intervention to the RNC and noting that “given the importance of the issues Plaintiffs raise, the Court will benefit from hearing all perspectives”).

A. **The Court Has Jurisdiction to Hear the Proposed Intervenor’s Defenses and Arguments**

The Proposed Intervenor’s participation in these proceedings is sustained by the same jurisdictional basis that undergirds the entirety of this action—*i.e.*, the presence of claims arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1331. As the Ninth Circuit has explained, the necessity of a jurisdictional predicate for intervention “stems . . . from our concern that intervention might be used to enlarge inappropriately the jurisdiction of the district court” by supplying a diversity of citizenship that otherwise is lacking among the named parties or, alternatively, divesting the Court of jurisdiction over cases that previously featured diversity of citizenship. *See Freedom from*

1 *Religion Found., Inc. v. Geithner*, 644 F.3d 836, 843 (9th Cir. 2011). By contrast, when the
 2 main action is predicated on federal question jurisdiction, the requirement to demonstrate
 3 an independent jurisdictional basis for intervention arises “only where a proposed
 4 intervenor seeks to bring new state-law claims,” *id.* at 844, which is not the case here.

5 **B. The Motion to Intervene Is Timely**

6 The mere two-day interregnum between the initiation of this action and the filing of
 7 the instant Motion was not unreasonable, nor did it inflict any articulable prejudice on any
 8 party. The Court has not yet issued any substantive rulings on the merits, and intervention
 9 does not threaten to upend the resolution of any previously settled issues or the existing
 10 parameters of the litigation. *See, e.g., San Jose Mercury News, Inc. v. U.S. Dist. Court*, 187
 11 F.3d 1096, 1101 (9th Cir. 1999) (allowing permissive intervention when motion was filed
 12 12 weeks into the litigation, deeming the delay not unreasonable and noting the lack of
 13 prejudice); *Kootenai Tribe of Idaho v. Veneman*, 313 F.3d 1094, 1111 n.10 (9th Cir. 2002)
 14 (affirming grant of permissive intervention, reasoning that “because the intervention
 15 motions were filed near the case outset and the defendant-intervenors said they could abide
 16 the court’s briefing and procedural scheduling orders, there was no issue whatsoever of
 17 undue delay”), *abrogated in part on other grounds by Wilderness Soc. v. U.S. Forest Serv.*,
 18 630 F.3d 1173 (9th Cir. 2011); *WildEarth Guardians v. Zinke*, CV-18-00048-TUC-JGZ,
 19 2018 WL 3475441, at *2 (D. Ariz. July 19, 2018) (allowing intervention on both mandatory
 20 on permissive grounds, noting that “[t]his case is at an early stage and briefing on
 21 Defendants’ pending motion to dismiss has not closed”).

22 **C. The Proposed Intervenors’ Arguments Will Relate to the Same Factual**
 23 **and Legal Questions Already in Dispute and Will Contribute to an**
 24 **Informed Adjudication of Plaintiffs’ Claims**

25 Not only do the Plaintiffs’ claims and the Proposed Intervenors’ arguments share at
 26 least one common legal question, they are effectively coterminous in their subject matter.
 27 *See generally Andrews v. Triple R. Distrib., LLC*, CV 12-346-TUC-HCE, 2012 WL
 28 3779932, at *2 (D. Ariz. Aug. 31, 2012) (“The determination of whether a

1 ‘common question’ exists is liberally construed.” (internal citation omitted)). The Proposed
2 Intervenor’s are prepared to litigate on the legal terrain delineated in the Plaintiffs’
3 Complaint—*i.e.*, the constitutional validity and enforceability of Arizona’s voter
4 registration deadline. While they reserve the right to invoke any and all arguments that may
5 bear on the Plaintiffs’ claims, the Proposed Intervenor’s do not intend to raise additional
6 claims, counterclaims or cross-claims against any party. *See A.D. v. Washburn*, CV-15-
7 01259-PHX-NVW, 2016 WL 5464582, at *5 (D. Ariz. Sept. 29, 2016) (concluding that
8 permissive intervenor’s desire to defend the statute challenged by the plaintiffs provided
9 the requisite common question of law and fact); *WildEarth Guardians*, 2018 WL 3475441,
10 at *4 (finding common question when “[b]oth the [proposed intervenor] and Defendants
11 seek to defend the validity and adequacy of” challenged agency plan); *contrast Melendres*
12 *v. Arpaio*, 07-2513-PHX-MHM, 2008 WL 4446696, at *2 (D. Ariz. Sept. 30, 2008)
13 (denying permissive intervention where issues raised by proposed intervenor “seem to be
14 predicated on entirely separate events” relating to the alleged activities of a non-party).

15 In sum, by proffering an otherwise unrepresented perspective—animated by their
16 singular electoral and partisan stake in the enforcement of Arizona’s statutory voter
17 registration deadline—while respecting the litigation parameters demarcated by the Court
18 and the named parties, the Proposed Intervenor’s will contribute to the informed adjudication
19 of the case without unreasonably augmenting or prolonging the proceedings. *See Feldman*
20 *v. Arizona Sec’y of State’s Office*, CV-16-01065-PHX-DLR, 2016 WL 4973569, at *2 (D.
21 Ariz. June 28, 2016) (finding that political party committee intervenors “bring a different
22 perspective to the complex issues raised in this litigation. The Court might benefit from
23 hearing these viewpoints.”). The Court accordingly should permit their intervention.

1 **III. If Intervention is Denied, the Court Should Accept the Proposed Intervenor's**
 2 **Response to the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order as an *Amicus Curiae***
 3 **Brief and Allow Proposed Intervenor to Renew Their Motion After Judgment**
 4 **Is Entered**

5 Should the Court find that the Proposed Intervenor are not entitled to intervene as
 6 of right and decline to permit them to intervene permissively, it should, in the alternative,
 7 allow the Proposed Intervenor leave to (1) file their proposed Opposition to Plaintiffs'
 8 Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction as a brief of *amici*
 9 *curiae*, and (2) renew this Motion to Intervene if and to the extent that the Secretary (a)
 10 enters into a settlement of the Plaintiffs' claims and/or (b) declines to appeal on an expedited
 11 basis any final judgment entered in favor of the Plaintiffs on any claim. *See Fisher-Borne*,
 12 14 F. Supp. 3d at 710 (allowing limited intervention to preserve right of appeal).

13 **CONCLUSION**

14 For the foregoing reasons, the Court should permit the Proposed Intervenor to
 15 intervene in this action either as of right or on a permissive basis, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.
 16 P. 24.

17 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 2nd day of October, 2020.

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