

IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CIVIL DIVISION

OHIO DEMOCRATIC PARTY, et al, :
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 Plaintiff, :
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 CASE NO. 20 CV 4997
vs. :
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 JUDGE MCINTOSH
FRANK LAROSE, in his official capacity :
as Ohio Secretary of State, :
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 Defendants.

**DECISION AND ENTRY ON ELECTION CYBERSECURITY EXPERTS AND VOTING
RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF OF AMICI
CURIAE**

MCINTOSH, J.

This matter is before the Court upon motion by Election Cybersecurity Experts and Voting Rights Organizations for leave to file a brief of amici curiae in support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

Cybersecurity *Amici* are a group of leading election security experts who have advanced the security and integrity of election systems nationwide. Cybersecurity Amici believe that election administration changes can be made to increase accessibility without compromising security. Voting Rights Organization *Amici* are nonprofit organizations who have worked to advance accessible, safe and secure elections nationwide and in Ohio. Voting Rights Organization Amici include The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio Foundation, and Northeast Ohio Voter Advocates. Both Cybersecurity Experts and Voting Rights Organization *Amici* seek leave to file Brief of Amici Curiae in support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

Upon review, the Court **DENIES** the Motion for Leave filed by Cybersecurity Experts and Voting Rights Organization. The Court finds that because time is of the essence it is necessary for this matter to move forward expeditiously. The Court finds that a Brief of Amici Curiae is not necessary for a just resolution of the matter. To determine the issue before it, the Court does not believe it needs additional information from the Cybersecurity Experts.

So Ordered

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It Is So Ordered.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. McIntosh", is written over a blue circular seal. The seal contains the text "COMMON PLEAS COURT" at the top, "FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO" in the center, and "ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE" at the bottom.

/s/ Judge Stephen L. McIntosh

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