UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

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No. 2:17-cv-14148

Hon. Eric L. Clay Hon. Denise Page Hood Hon. Gordon J. Quist

PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO MOTION TO INTERVENE BY REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

RUTH JOHNSON, in her official

Plaintiffs,

Capacity as Michigan Secretary of State,

v.

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Eight of the 9 Republican Michigan Members of Congress ("Applicants") have moved to intervene by right under FRCP 24(a) or permissively under FRCP 24(b). The Plaintiffs oppose intervention by right and leave to the Court's discretion whether to allow permissive intervention.

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Intervention by right should be denied because the Applicants have no "right" to certain congressional districts and have no substantial legal interest in congressional districts for the 2020 elections at issue here; their minimal interests are adequately represented by Defendant and her legal counsel; and their motion is untimely.

Permissible intervention, if allowed by the Court in its discretion, should be conditioned on Applicants not filing the duplicative motion for stay and meritless motion to dismiss attached to their motion to intervene; not revisiting discovery matters already settled; and conferring with the Defendant in the future to avoid duplicative filings and delay.

For these reasons, explained fully in the brief filed herewith, Plaintiffs pray that the Court deny Applicants' Motion to Intervene by right under FRCP 24(a) and, if the Court in its discretion grants permissive intervention under FRCP 24(b), the Court order that: 1) the motion to stay and motion to dismiss attached to Applicants' Motion not be filed; 2) Applicants are bound by the FRCP 26(f) report already filed; 3) Applicants make their FRCP 26(a) disclosures within seven (7) days of the Court's order; and 4) that the Applicants and Defendant shall in the future confer so as to avoid duplicative filings and delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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