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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, et al., :

Plaintiffs, :

VS. : CASE NO. 3:05-CV-7309

J. KENNETH BLACKWELL, et al., : JUDGE CARR

Defendants. :

DEFENDANTS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION FOR INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL ON THE MOTION TO DISMISS THE INTERVENOR'S COMPLAINT

The Defendants are glad that the Intervenor recognizes the same issues raised in the motion to take an interlocutory appeal in the case against the Plaintiffs are also present in their motion against White. Therefore, the Defendants ask this Court to certify the same question as it relates to the Intervenor.

As it relates to White's allegations concerning the Defendants' appeal of right, the Defendants state that this Court lost jurisdiction over that claim as soon as the Defendants filed their notice of appeal. The Defendants further state that since the Plaintiffs have not affirmatively moved this Court for relief, they are not entitled to raise any argument in relation to

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this appeal. The Defendants further incorporate by reference their previous arguments in support of their appeal of right and their motion to dismiss the Plaintiffs' claim filed on May 1, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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