

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NO. 1:15-cv-00399**

SANDRA LITTLE COVINGTON, *et al.*,

PLAINTIFFS,

V.

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, *et al.*,

DEFENDANTS.

**JOINT NOTICE REGARDING  
SPECIAL MASTER SUBMISSION**

Plaintiffs and Defendants, pursuant to this Court's October 12, 2017 Order (ECF No. 200), notify the Court that Plaintiffs and Defendants were unable to agree upon three names of individuals qualified to serve as special master. Plaintiffs and Legislative Defendants conferred and submitted names to one another (with Legislative Defendants stating that they did so subject to their objections regarding the propriety of any order appointing a special master) but were unable to reach agreement on those names. The State Defendants took no position but indicated a willingness to agree to any names agreed to by the other parties.

Respectfully submitted, this the 18th day of October, 2017.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this date I have electronically filed the foregoing **JOINT NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL MASTER SUBMISSION** with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will provide electronic notification of the same to the following:

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