IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

COMMON CAUSE, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,))
V.	
ROBERT A. RUCHO, in his official capacity as Chairman of the North Carolina Senate Redistricting Committee for the 2016 Extra Session and Co-Chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting, <i>et al.</i> ,) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 1:16-CV-1026-WO-JEP) THREE-JUDGE COURT))
Defendants.)
League of Women Voters of North Carolina, <i>et al.</i> ,	-))
Plaintiffs,)
V.)) CIVIL ACTION
Robert A. Rucho, in his official capacity as Chairman of the North Carolina) No. 1:16-Cv-1164-wo-jep
Senate Redistricting Committee for the 2016 Extra Session and Co-Chairman of the 2016 Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting, <i>et al.</i> ,) THREE-JUDGE COURT))
Defendants.))

Defendants Robert A. Rucho, David R. Lewis, Philip E. Berger, and Timothy K. Moore ("legislative defendants") in the above-captioned consolidated actions hereby give notice of their appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States from the Memorandum

Opinion and associated Order [D.E. 118 in Case No. 1:16-cv-1026 & D.E. 116 in Case

No. 1:16-cv-1164] entered by the Court on January 9, 2018.

This appeal is taken under 28 U.S.C. § 1253.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of January, 2018.

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It is hereby certified that the foregoing **NOTICE OF APPEAL** has been electronically filed 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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