

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

Carrie Harkless, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No. 1:06-cv-2284

Jennifer Brunner, et al.,

Judge Gaughan

Defendants.

JOINT REQUEST TO STAY ACTION

The parties, through counsel, hereby jointly request that the Court stay this action until such time as the parties agree or the Court, upon motion by one of the parties, determines that it should be restored to the active docket.

This request is not for purposes of delay. The reason for the request is to permit settlement discussions in a separate action, *League of Women Voters v. Brunner*, Case No. 05-7309 (N.D. Ohio), to proceed because, if successful, a resolution of that action may well moot the disputed issues in this action. In the event it becomes apparent that resolution of the *League of Women Voters* action is not possible, the parties will proceed expeditiously to complete briefing of the pending motion for submission to the Court.

The parties are available at the Court's convenience for a telephonic conference on this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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