

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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

Plaintiffs-Appellants

v.

PATRICK LLOYD MCCRORY, in his Official Capacity as Governor of North
Carolina, *et al.*,

Defendants-Appellees

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ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

UNOPPOSED MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN
ORAL ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS-APPELLANTS

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH CAROLINA, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs-Appellants

LOUIS M. DUKE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs-Intervenors-Appellants

v.

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

Defendants-Appellees

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellant

v.

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

Defendants-Appellees

The United States, which has filed a statement of views in these consolidated appeals in response to this Court's order of September 9, 2014, inviting its views, respectfully seeks leave to participate in the oral argument of these appeals and requests seven minutes of argument time in addition to the time already granted to the parties. In support of this motion, the United States provides the following information:

1. The United States filed a brief in these consolidated appeals in response to this Court's invitation on September 17, 2014.
2. This Court has scheduled argument in these appeals for September 25, 2014.
3. Counsel for plaintiffs-appellants North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP and the League of Women Voters of North Carolina consent to this motion.
4. Counsel for Duke plaintiffs-intervenors-appellants consent to this motion.
5. Counsel for defendants-appellees Patrick McCrory, the State of North Carolina and Members of the State Board of Elections consent to this motion.
6. This case raises important questions regarding the interpretation and application of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA), 52 U.S.C. 10301. The Department of Justice is charged with the VRA's enforcement, 52 U.S.C. 10308(d), and thus has a substantial interest in how courts construe its provisions.

In our view, our participation will aid the Court in evaluating the Section 2 issues before it.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully seeks leave to participate in oral argument and requests seven minutes of argument time in addition to the time already granted to the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 18, 2014, I electronically filed the foregoing UNOPPOSED MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN ORAL ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS-APPELLANTS with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit by using the appellate CM/ECF system. I certify that all participants in this case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by the appellate CM/ECF system.

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