

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF FLORIDA, INC., et al.,**

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

**Case No.: 4:21cv186-MW/MAF  
4:21cv187-MW/MAF  
4:21cv201-MW/MJF  
4:21cv242-MW/MAF**

**LAUREL M. LEE, in her official  
capacity as Florida Secretary of  
State, et al.,**

*Defendants,*

**and**

**NATIONAL REPUBLICAN  
SENATORIAL COMMITTEE and  
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE,**

*Intervenor-Defendants.*

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR THE ADMISSION  
OF SENATOR MICHAEL BENNETT STATEMENT**

Plaintiffs move to admit the statement of Defendant Michael Bennett that was discussed in Dr. Kousser's expert report, ECF 467-13 ¶ 71, over the objections interposed by Defendants at trial, ECF 563 at 1733:21. ECF No. 585. This Court understands Defendants' objection to be a relevance objection—the statement is not offered for its truth. That said, as explained on the record, this Court finds Defendant

Bennett's statement to be marginally relevant. *Cf. Greater Birmingham Ministries v. Sec'y of State*, 992 F.3d 1299, 1323 (11th Cir. 2021) (explaining that statements by a legislator who was not a member of the legislature when the law at issue was passed is of marginal relevance under *Arlington Heights*). Accordingly, Defendants' objection is **OVERRULED**, and Plaintiffs' motion is **GRANTED**.

To the extent Defendants believe there is some other reason the statement should not be admitted, they may file a brief addressing the issue **on or before 5:00 p.m. EST Friday, February 11, 2022**.

**SO ORDERED on February 10, 2022.**

**s/Mark E. Walker**  
**Chief United States District Judge**

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