

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

MARCUS CASTER, *et al.*,)
)
Plaintiffs,)
)
v.)
)
JOHN MERRILL, in his official)
capacity as Alabama Secretary of State,)
)
Defendant.)

Case No. 2:21-cv-01536-AMM

**SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN H. MERRILL’S
AMENDED MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER (UNOPPOSED)**

Secretary of State John H. Merrill respectfully moves for entry of a protective order that will govern the use of discovery material in which third parties have a privacy interest. Entry of such an order is within this Court’s discretion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c). The parties have consulted, and Plaintiffs do not oppose this motion. In further support of this motion, Secretary Merrill states as follows:

1. Plaintiffs have served discovery requests seeking production of documents, electronically stored information, or other information in which third parties have a privacy interest. For example, Plaintiffs seek production of excerpts of Alabama’s voter registration database.
2. The parties have agreed in principle that the database production will include only fields necessary to litigate this case and that personally-identifying

information will be omitted to the extent possible. Nonetheless, the parties agree that to protect third parties, a protective order is appropriate to restrict the use of confidential information and to prohibit unwarranted disclosure.

3. The parties have negotiated the terms of a proposed protective order that is attached hereto as Exhibit A for the Court's consideration and agree that its entry will facilitate discovery.

WHEREFORE, Secretary Merrill moves the Court to enter the attached Protective Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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