

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

MARCUS CASTER, LAKEISHA
CHESTNUT, BOBBY LEE DUBOSE,
BENJAMIN JONES, RODNEY ALLEN
LOVE, MANASSEH POWELL,
RONALD SMITH, and WENDELL
THOMAS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN H. MERRILL, in his official
capacity as Alabama Secretary of State,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:21-CV-1536-AMM

PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST FOR PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

The parties respectfully request a pre-hearing conference on December 20, 2021 to discuss outstanding issues regarding process in advance of the January 4, 2022 preliminary injunction hearings.¹ Specifically, the parties hope to streamline the *Caster* and *Milligan* plaintiffs' presentation of their Section 2 cases, as well as Defendants' defense of those claims, to avoid duplicative testimony and serial

¹ All parties to the above-captioned case, and to *Milligan v. Merrill*, Case No. 21-CV-1530-AMM, consent to this request. The Plaintiffs in *Singleton v. Merrill*, Case No. 21-cv-1291-AMM do not oppose this request.

hearings, and hopefully to assist the Court in reaching a swift resolution of the pending preliminary injunction motions.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December, 2021.

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