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The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE**

SUSAN SOTO PALMER, et al.,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
STEVEN HOBBS, et al.,  
  
Defendants.

NO. 3:22-cv-05035-RSL  
  
DEFENDANTS JINKINS AND BILLIG’S  
RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT HOBBS’S  
MOTION TO JOIN REQUIRED PARTIES  
  
NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:  
APRIL 8, 2022

Defendants Jinkins and Billig do not oppose Defendant Hobbs’s Motion to Join Required Parties.

As stated in Defendants Jinkins and Billig’s Response to Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction (Dkt. # 49), Plaintiffs raise serious claims under the Voting Rights Act that warrant careful consideration by the Court. As such, Defendants Jinkins and Billig agree with Defendant Hobbs that “[t]his case urgently needs a proper and adverse defendant.”

Dkt. # 53 at p. 1.

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