## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION No. 5:25-cy-00003

TELIA KIVETT; KARYN MULLIGAN; WAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY; REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE; and NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; KAREN BRINSON BELL, in her official capacity as Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections; ALAN HIRSCH, in his official capacity as Chair of the North Carolina State Board of Elections; JEFF CARMON, in his official capacity as Secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Elections; STACY EGGERS IV, KEVIN N. LEWIS, and SIOBHAN O'DUFFY MILLEN, in their official capacities as members of the North Carolina State Board of Elections,

DNC'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF STATE BOARD'S MOTION TO MODIFY FINAL ORDER AND REQUEST FOR INDICATIVE RULING

Defendants,

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE,

Intervenor-Defendant.

Intervenor-Defendant Democratic National Committee ("DNC") joins in the Motion to Modify Final Order and Request for Indicative Ruling and supporting brief filed by the State Board on February 13, 2025 (DE 24, 25) for the same reasons articulated by the State Board pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 60(b) and Federal Rule of Appellant Procedure 12.1, and incorporates those reasons herein by reference. The DNC joins the State Board in respectfully requesting that this Court issue a ruling indicating that, if the Fourth Circuit remands the instant case to this Court, this Court would modify its January 6, 2025 order remanding this case to state court and retain jurisdiction over the federal issues and defenses implicated by this lawsuit consistent with the Fourth Circuit's order in *Griffin v. NCSBE*, Nos. 25-1018, 25-1019, 25-1020 & 15-1024 (4th Cir. Feb. 4, 2025) (per curiam).

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of February 2025.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing document was filed using CM/ECF, which will electronically serve all parties who have appeared in the case.

This the 18th day of February, 2025.

/s/ James W. Whalen James W. Whalen

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