# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 1:21-cv-00796-RP

v.

The State of Texas,

Defendant.

## REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER REGARDING HEARING

In reply to the United States' response to their motion for reconsideration of the Court's September 28 order regarding the preliminary-injunction hearing, Intervenor-Defendants Erick Graham, Jeff Tuley, and Mistie Sharp ("Intervenors") state as follows:

- 1. The United States faults Intervenors for not giving them a preview of matters Intervenors' counsel intends to cross-examine their declarants on, but that would defeat the purpose of cross-examination. The United States even argues (at 3) that Intervenors should have preemptively disclosed *impeachment* evidence. But impeachment evidence is never disclosed in advance, at least not in any proceeding undersigned counsel has ever taken part of in this Court or any other.
- 2. Though Intervenors have now stated on multiple occasions their intent to offer testimony and evidence at the preliminary-injunction hearing, the United States has never once requested that any of that material be exchanged, nor even requested more information about why Intervenors were attempting to serve the declarants and other witnesses relied on by the declarants with subpoenas for the hearing. Moreover, the United States cites no

authority to indicate that a party is required to submit inadmissible hearsay evidence attached to a brief rather than present admissible testimony and evidence at an evidentiary hearing in opposing a motion for preliminary injunction. What is the purpose of an evidentiary hearing if the parties merely intended to reiterate what was already presented to the court in briefing?

- 3. Texas's decision not to dispute the factual assertions made by the United States' abortion-provider declarants with evidence, and apparently agree to waive their right to cross-examine these witnesses, does not preclude Intervenors from doing so. And as Intervenors already pointed out, this only underscores the "inadequacy" of the State's representation of Intervenors' interests. *Rotstain v. Mendez*, 986 F.3d 931, 939 (5th Cir. 2021) (citation omitted). This is why the Court should have granted intervention as of right.
- 4. As Intervenors made clear in their preliminary-injunction opposition, they intend to counter the United States' hearsay evidence with admissible testimony and evidence which shows that key assertions of fact underlying the United States' claims for relief in this case are demonstrably false or misleading. The United States cannot plausibly claim there is no basis to dispute the extensive facts they rely on which they have chosen only to present through declarations from third-party witnesses that they have refused to make available for cross-examination.
- 5. The evident reason for the United States' opposition is their unwillingness to produce their third-party witnesses for cross-examination. *See* Exhibit A. That fact itself should give the Court pause if it is considering relying on that hearsay evidence. In any event, Intervenors intend to make a record that the United States has refused to make their abortion-provider witnesses available for cross-examination at the preliminary-injunction hearing, and that if such witnesses were required to testify, Intervenors would establish on cross-examination that the abortion-provider declarants and the United States have made false or misleading statements to the Court regarding the effect of the Texas Heartbeat Law on abortion access in Texas.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Intervenors Graham, Tuley, and Sharp should be granted 2 hours at the preliminary-injunction hearing to cross-examine the abortion provider declarants relied on by the United States and to submit their testimony and evidence. The United States should be required to present those witnesses for cross-examination at the hearing if they intend to rely on their declarations.

Respectfully submitted.

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Dated: September 30, 2021

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on September 30, 2021, I served this document through CM/ECF upon all counsel of record in this case.

/s/ Andrew B. Stephens
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# EXHIBIT A

#### **Andrew Stephens**

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Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:40 AM

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] consent to service on motion to intervene

Hi Andrew,

We will not be producing those witnesses for cross-examination at the hearing.

All the best,

Lisa

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Lisa,

Following up on the emails below, could you please let us know whether you are willing to produce Ms. Linton, Dr. Gilbert, and Ms. Hagstrom Miller for cross-examination at the October 1 preliminary injunction hearing?

Thanks,

Andrew

From: Andrew Stephens

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e.g., Heil Trailer Intern. Co. v. Kula, 542 Fed. Appx. 329 (5th Cir. 2013); Marshall Durbin Farms, Inc. v. National Farmers Org., 446 F.3d 353 (5th Cir. 1971)

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Andrew,

Could you please identify the Fifth Circuit precedent to which you refer?

Thanks, Lisa

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Lisa,

The government relies on third-party declaration testimony by Ms. Linton, Dr. Gilbert, and Ms. Hagstrom Miller in support of its motion for preliminary injunction. We dispute a number of facts alleged in those declarations and under Fifth Circuit precedent we are entitled to a fair opportunity to meaningfully contest those facts by cross-examining the declarants and the people they rely on (Mr. Lambrecht and Dr. Kumar) for assertions made in the declarations. Because we are not a party to your agreement with the State and were not included in any discussions regarding that agreement, we will not have a fair opportunity to contest the assertions made in those declarations unless the witnesses are produced at the hearing for cross-examination.

#### **Andrew**

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#### Hi Andrew,

Consistent with an agreement the United States previously reached with Texas, we are not planning on producing any witnesses at the hearing, including Ms. Linton, Dr. Gilbert and Ms. Hagstrom Miller. To the extent you are suggesting that we could be required to do so, is there any authority you are aware of under which the United States would be required to produce third-party declarants at a preliminary injunction hearing?

Thanks, Lisa

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Ms. Newman,

If you intend to rely on the declarations of Ms. Linton, Dr. Gilbert and Ms. Hagstrom Miller in support of your motion for preliminary injunction, are you willing to produce these witnesses for cross examination at the hearing on October 1?

Andrew

### Andrew B. Stephens

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Counsel, please see attached notice of subpoenas. Also please include us on correspondence related to the upcoming hearing as we intend to participate.

**Andrew** 

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#### Counsel:

Rule 24 requires us to serve the motion to intervene on the parties "as provided in Rule 5." I'm not certain that you received the NEF e-mail under Rule 5(b)(2)(E), because it listed only the e-mails of our clients' attorneys.

Just to be safe, could DOJ and Texas OAG each confirm that they are willing to consent to e-mail service of the motion to intervene? I have attached the motion to this e-mail.

—Jonathan

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## NOTICE OF SUBPOENAS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY AT A HEARING OR TRIAL IN A CIVIL ACTION

Please take notice that pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 proposed intervenors Erick Graham, Jeff Tuley, and Mistie Sharp will issue subpoenas to appear and testify at the preliminary-injunction hearing scheduled for October 1, 2021. Copies of the subpoenas are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on September 24, 2021, I served this document upon all counsel of record in this case.

/s/ Andrew B. Stephens Andrew B. Stephens Counsel for Erick Graham, Jeff Tuley, and Mistie Sharp

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to testify at a hearing or trial in this civil action. officer allows you to leave. If you are an organ	When you arrive, nization that is <i>not</i>	district court at the time, date, and place set forth below you must remain at the court until the judge or a cour a party in this case, you must designate one or more ho consent to testify on your behalf about the following
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Graham, Tuley, and Sharp , who issues or requests this subpoena, are: Andrew B. Stephens, Hacker Stephens LLP,108 Wild Basin Rd. S, Suite 250, Austin, TX 78746, andrew@hackerstephens.com, (512) 399-3022

Proposed Intervenors

The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party)

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)

This subpoena for	(name of individual and title, if any)		
as received by me on (da	ate)		
☐ I served the su	bpoena by delivering a copy to the	named person as follows:	
		on (date)	; or
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		Server's address	

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

#### Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), and (e) (Effective 12/1/07)

#### (c) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The issuing court must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction — which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees — on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

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- **(B)** Objections. A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:
- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the issuing court for an order compelling production or inspection.
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