IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, ET AL., :

PLAINTIFFS, :

VS. : CASE NO. 3:05-CV-7309

J. KENNETH BLACKWELL, ET AL., : JUDGE CARR

DEFENDANTS. :

MOTION AND APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO BRING AN INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL OF THIS COURT'S ORDER DATED DECEMBER 2, 2005

Defendants J. Kenneth Blackwell and Bob Taft, pursuant to this Court's order dated December 8, 2005, and 28 USC 1292(b), ask this Court for leave to file an interlocutory appeal of the Court's December 2, 2005 order. A memorandum in support will be filed pursuant to this Court's scheduling order.

Respectfully submitted,

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