IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division

GOLDEN BETHUNE-HILL, et al.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, et al.,	)	Civil Action No. 3:14-cv-00852-REP-AWA-BMK
	)	
Defendants,	)	
and	)	
	)	
WILLIAM J. HOWELL, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, and THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,	)	
	)	
Intervenor-Defendants.	)	

DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO THE COURT'S MAY 5, 2017 ORDER

In response to the Court's May 5, 2017 Order (ECF No. 154), and consistent with their role in this litigation,[1] Defendants, the Virginia State Board of Elections, *et al*., express no position regarding which factual findings and legal conclusions in the Court's memorandum opinion (ECF No. 108) remain in effect on remand, and therefore are not filing a brief in support of any position.

Defendants continue to stand ready to answer any questions the Court may have about the effect that a particular ruling may have on their operations or on the administration of elections.

[1] *See* Defendants' Statement of Position (ECF No. 147); Defendants' Response to the Parties' Statements of Position and to the Issues Raised in the Court's April 21, 2017 Order (ECF No. 150).

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; JAMES B. ALCORN, in his capacity as Chairman of the Virginia State Board of Elections; CLARA BELLE WHEELER, in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Virginia State Board of Elections; SINGLETON B. McALLISTER, in her capacity as Secretary of the Virginia State Board of Elections; VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS; and EDGARDO CORTÉS, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 16, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to the counsel of record for all parties.

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