IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA COLUMBIA DIVISION

THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP, and

TAIWAN SCOTT, on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated persons,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THOMAS C. ALEXANDER, in his official capacity as President of the Senate; LUKE A. RANKIN, in his official capacity as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; JAMES H. LUCAS, in his official capacity as Speaker of the House of Representatives; CHRIS MURPHY, in his official capacity as Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee; WALLACE H. JORDAN, in his official capacity as Chairman of the House of Representatives Elections Law Subcommittee; HOWARD KNAPP, in his official capacity as interim Executive Director of the South Carolina State Election Commission; JOHN WELLS, Chair, JOANNE DAY, CLIFFORD J. EDLER, LINDA MCCALL, and SCOTT MOSELEY, in their official capacities as members of the South Carolina Election Commission.

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 3:21-cv-03302-MBS-TJH-RMG

STIPULATION PURSUANT TO
FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL
PROCEDURE 15(a)(2) REGARDING
AMENDMENT OF SECOND
AMENDED COMPLAINT TO REMOVE
COUNT ONE AND COUNT TWO

Plaintiff The South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP ("Plaintiff SC NAACP"), by and through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Rule 15(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby stipulates and agrees, with the consent of all Defendants, to amend the Second

[&]quot;[A] party may amend its pleading . . . with the opposing party's written consent . . ." Fed.

B. Civ. P. 15(2)(2) See also Skipper v. First Am. Bank of Virginia 64 F. 3d 659 (4th Cir. 1995)

R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2). See also Skinner v. First Am. Bank of Virginia, 64 F.3d 659 (4th Cir. 1995) ("Because Rule 41 provides for the dismissal of actions, rather than claims, Rule 15 is technically

Amended Complaint for the purpose of removing Counts One and Two. (*See* ECF No. 154 at ¶¶ 247-260). The basis for this Stipulation is that Plaintiff SC NAACP² and House Defendants have executed the Settlement Agreement and Release attached as *Exhibit A*, which resolves Count One and Count Two and obviates the need for a trial on Plaintiff SC NAACP's claims challenging certain House districts enacted in Act No. 117, Acts and Joint Resolutions, 2021-2022. A true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint is attached to this Stipulation as *Exhibit B*. All Parties agree that upon the filing of the Third Amended Complaint, the only Complaint properly before the Court is the Third Amended Complaint.

House Defendants and Plaintiff SC NAACP further stipulate that if enactment of the Settlement Maps does not occur as provided for by Exhibit A, Plaintiff SC NAACP will have good cause to further amend their Complaint under Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 in order to reallege Count One and Count Two, provided, however, that Plaintiff SC NAACP complies with its obligation under the Settlement Agreement (see Ex. A at \P 5) to engage in good faith negotiations with House Defendants regarding the enactment of the Settlement Maps through a separate legislative vehicle prior to any such further amendment.

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the proper vehicle to accomplish a partial dismissal.").

Plaintiff Taiwan Scott challenges only the Congressional Plan, not the House Plan, and therefore is not a party to this Agreement resolving his co-plaintiff's claims against the House Plan.

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