

**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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