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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

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If justice and fairness are to prevail, the integrity of the court's justices and the proceedings cannot be influenced by money or have even the appearance of being sold to the highest bidder. Whenever this possibility arises, we must call on the court to examine itself and if necessary recuse any justice or judge whose ability to rule fairly has been tempted or tampered with.

Often, the courts have been the last place where civil rights communities can go to insure justice and fairness when the public and politicians have chosen to act in ways contrary with fundamental constitutional rights.

Such is the redistricting case currently before the courts. We believe the redistricting plan put together by the right wing fundamentally violates civil and voting rights guaranteed by the constitution and it should be heard and examined on these merits and not potentially decided based on who paid for and or influenced the election of any particular justice.

The fact that Justice Newby received so much partisan money is troubling. It is very disturbing that Justice Newby's election was supported, according to the record, by nearly \$2 million from the Super PAC "NC Judicial Commission", which was funded by the Super PAC "Justice for All NC" which was funded by the Republican State Leadership Committee ("RSLC"), a group that was directly involved in the design and construction of the legislative and congressional redistricting plans challenged in these lawsuits. Same money; same people; just sent through different hoops. This raises serious questions as to whether or not he [Justice Newby] can rule impartially on the redistricting case. The decisions made in this case will have profound implications on the state of representative government for all North Carolinians and especially African Americans, Latinos, and women for the next 20-30 years. These are no small matters and they deserve a fair and impartial hearing. This is why we have filed this motion but beyond this case, we file this motion because the integrity of the courts must be protected for not only this case but all cases.

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The North Carolina Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law, renders the influence of secret political societies illegal, and the Bible declares upon which each justice swears in Amos 5:12,

“For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts.”

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