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Clerk of the Court  
Second Circuit Court of Appeals  
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: Soule v. Connecticut Association of Schools  
Court of Appeals Docket #: 21-1365

To Clerk of the Court:

The National LGBTQ Task Force herein moves for permission to join in the amicus curiae brief filed by GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), the National Center for Transgender Equality, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.<sup>1</sup>

The National LGBTQ Task Force is an organization with strong interests and deep expertise in legal issues concerning the civil rights of LGBTQ+ people. The

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<sup>1</sup> Fed. R. App. P. 29(a)(4)(E) Statement—No party's counsel authored this letter in whole or in part, and no party or party's counsel contributed money intended to fund the preparation or submission of this letter. No person other than amici curiae, their members, or their counsel contributed money intended to fund the preparation of this letter.

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National LGBTQ Task Force advances full freedom, justice, and equality for LGBTQ people. The Task Force is building a future where everyone is free to be themselves in every aspect of their lives. Today, despite all the progress made to end discrimination, millions of LGBTQ people face barriers in every aspect of their lives: in housing, employment, healthcare, retirement, and basic human rights. These barriers must go. That's why the Task Force is training and mobilizing millions of activists across our nation to deliver a world where people can live as their authentic selves. Bans on any community's transgender youth and children participating in sports are openly discriminatory and threaten these young people's health and safety. Transgender young people bravely live authentic lives, and deserve respect, appreciation, and the protections of this nation's laws.

All parties consented to the filing of the amicus curiae brief filed by GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), the National Center for Transgender Equality, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

All parties have consented to the joining in that brief by The National LGBTQ Task Force.

Sincerely yours,

/s/Karen L. Dowd

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 20, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit by using the CM/ECF system. Participants in the case who are registered CM/ECF users will be served by the CM/ECF system

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