

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

**EQUALITY FLORIDA, et al.,**

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

No. 4:22-cv-134-AW-MJF

**FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, et al.,**

*Defendants.*

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**STATE DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION  
FOR EXPANSION OF THE WORD LIMIT APPLICABLE TO  
THEIR REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS**

The State Defendants respectfully ask the Court to expand the word limit applicable to their reply brief in support of their motion to dismiss under Local Rule 7.1(i).

1. Under Local Rule 7.1(i), reply memorandum are usually limited to 3,200 words. The State Defendants ask the Court to expand that limit to 7,000 words.

2. As the Court is aware, the operative complaint in this case spans 114 pages, raising six counts against numerous Defendants. In light of that pleading, this Court found it “justified” to increase the State Defendants’ word limit on the motion to dismiss to 13,000 words. ECF 71 at 1. The Court also increased Plaintiffs’ word limit for their opposition to 15,000 words. *Id.* And the Court permitted Defendants to file a reply. *Id.*

3. Since then, Plaintiffs filed their 14,997-word opposition (the vast majority of which was directed at the State Defendants' contentions), ECF91 at 1–56, received a supportive amicus brief, ECF96, and filed a notice of supplemental authority, ECF95.

4. Because of all that, there is good cause for expanding the word limit for the State Defendants' reply to 7,000.

5. Undersigned counsel has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs and is authorized to represent that Plaintiffs consent to this motion.

Respectfully submitted.

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**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERRAL**

Consistent with Local Rule 7.1(B), undersigned counsel conferred with Plaintiffs in good faith about the relief requested in this motion and is authorized to represent that Plaintiffs consent to this motion.

**CERTIFICATE OF WORD COUNT**

Consistent with Local Rule 7.1(F) and the order of this Court, this motion contains 229 words.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 10th day of August, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed with the Court's CM/ECF system, which will provide service to all parties.

/s/ Henry C. Whitaker  
Solicitor General