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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
17 **DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

18 1789 Foundation Inc., d/b/a Citizen AG, and
19 Lindsey Graham,

20 Plaintiffs,

21 v.

22 Adrian Fontes, in his official capacity as
Secretary of State,

23 Defendant.

No. 24-CV-02987-SPL

**REPLY IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO INTERVENE AS
DEFENDANTS OF ONE
ARIZONA AND THE
ARIZONA ALLIANCE OF
RETIRED AMERICANS**

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INTRODUCTION

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2 No party disputes that the motion to intervene filed by One Arizona and the Arizona
3 Alliance for Retired Americans (the “Alliance”) (together, “Proposed Intervenors”) was
4 timely, and Proposed Intervenors satisfy each of the other requirements for intervention as
5 of right under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a). The motion should be granted.

6 Proposed Intervenors have two significant protectable interests threatened by
7 Plaintiffs’ attempt to force election officials to purge up to 1.2 million voters from Arizona’s
8 voter registration rolls. First, Proposed Intervenors have an interest in protecting the right
9 to vote of their over half a million members and constituents. Second, they have an interest
10 in preserving the allocation of their mission-critical resources. The pre-existing parties do
11 not adequately represent either interest. Plaintiffs seek relief that would harm Proposed
12 Intervenors, and Defendant Secretary of State Adrian Fontes has dueling statutory duties
13 under the National Voter Registration Act (“NVRA”) that preclude him from fully
14 representing Proposed Intervenors’ parochial, private interests. These conclusions are
15 amply supported by caselaw laid out in Proposed Intervenors’ brief. *See* Mot. to Intervene
16 as Defs. of One Ariz. and the Ariz. All. of Retired Americans, ECF No. 19 (“Mot.”). But
17 Plaintiffs’ response fails to address any of those on-point cases, instead relying on irrelevant
18 and antiquated precedent. In doing so, it only serves to underscore that Proposed Intervenors
19 have satisfied each of the elements for intervention as of right under Rule 24(a).

20 In the alternative, the Court should grant Proposed Intervenors permissive
21 intervention under Rule 24(b) because their full participation in this case—as the only
22 parties rising to the unequivocal defense of Arizona voters at risk of erroneous removal
23 from the registration rolls—would ensure fair and efficient adjudication of this matter. Their
24 intervention would not introduce any undue delay or prejudice to the parties. Proposed
25 Intervenors’ have consistently cooperated with the parties’ various extension requests and
26 commit to following any schedule set by the Court for the prompt resolution of this matter.
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1 **ARGUMENT**

2 **I. Proposed Intervenors are entitled to intervene as a matter of right.**

3 A proposed intervenor has a right to intervene under Rule 24(a)(2) when (1) the
4 motion is timely, (2) the movant has a significantly protectable interest in the litigation that
5 (3) may be impaired or impeded, and (4) the existing parties may not adequately represent
6 those interests. *See United States v. Aerojet Gen. Corp.*, 606 F.3d 1142, 1148 (9th Cir.
7 2010). Plaintiffs do not dispute that Proposed Intervenors' motion was timely. And because
8 Proposed Intervenors also satisfy the remaining elements set forth in Rule 24(a)(2), they are
9 entitled to intervention as of right.

10 **A. The disposition of this case will impair Proposed Intervenors' ability to
11 protect their interests.**

12 Proposed Intervenors satisfy the second and third elements of Rule 24(a)(2) because
13 they have two significant and protectable interests that may be impaired or impeded by the
14 disposition of this case: (1) protecting the voting rights of their members and constituents,
15 and (2) preserving their mission-critical organizational resources. Plaintiffs' contrary
16 arguments ignore the myriad of on-point cases supporting intervention.

17 **1. This action threatens Proposed Intervenors' ability to protect the
18 voting rights of their members and constituents.**

19 Proposed Intervenors have significant, protectable interests in the voting rights of
20 their members and constituents, including ensuring they remain registered to vote. *See*
21 *generally* Decl. of Natali Fierros Bock, ECF No. 19-1 ("Bock Decl."); Decl. of Dora
22 Vasquez, ECF No. 19-2 ("Vasquez Decl."). Plaintiffs' lawsuit aims to remove up to 1.2
23 million registrants from Arizona's voter rolls. ECF No. 1, ¶¶ 113–14. Their heavy-handed
24 approach threatens to wrongfully remove any number of One Arizona's over 600,000
25 constituents and the Alliance's nearly 51,000 members. Indeed, Proposed Intervenors'
26 members and constituents face a *heightened risk of* wrongful removal. *See* Bock Decl. ¶¶ 6,
27 8–12, ECF No. 19-1; Vasquez Decl. ¶¶ 3, 6–9, ECF No. 19-2.

28 Numerous courts have recognized that an organization's interest in protecting the
voting rights of its members is a significant and protectable interest that may be impaired

1 when plaintiffs seek relief like that sought here, satisfying the requirements for intervention
2 as of right. *See* Mot. at 11, ECF No. 19 (discussing *Jud. Watch, Inc. v. Ill. State Bd. of*
3 *Elections*, No. 24 C 1867, 2024 WL 3454706 (N.D. Ill. July 18, 2024), and *Bellitto v. Snipes*,
4 No. 16-cv-61474, 2016 WL 5118568 (S.D. Fla. Sept. 21, 2016)). Proposed Intervenors cited
5 these decisions in their motion to dismiss, but rather than address them, Plaintiffs simply—
6 and baldly—claim that Proposed Intervenors’ “interest in protecting their members’ right
7 to vote is not at all unique to” them. Pls.’ Resp. in Opp’n to Mot. To Intervene at 6, ECF
8 No. 37 (“Opp’n”). Not so.

9 Proposed Intervenors seek to protect the voting rights of *their* members and
10 constituents from the voter purge sought by Plaintiffs. As other courts have correctly found,
11 this is an interest that distinctly “belong[s] to” them as “the would-be intervenor[s].” *Jud.*
12 *Watch*, 2024 WL 3454706, at *3; *see also Bellitto*, 2016 WL 5118568, at *2–3. Ultimately,
13 each Proposed Intervenors’ interest in the voting rights of its members, which are directly
14 threatened by the purge sought by Plaintiffs, is distinct from the general rights of Arizonans
15 broadly because Proposed Intervenors’ missions depend upon *their members’* abilities to
16 vote and participate in the democratic process. Bock Decl. ¶¶ 3–7, ECF No. 19-1; Vasquez
17 Decl. ¶¶ 3–5, ECF No. 19-2.¹

18 Plaintiffs’ conclusory assertion that “Proposed Intervenors have failed to
19 demonstrate how their . . . associational interests . . . may be impaired” also falls flat. Opp’n
20 at 7, ECF No. 37. Proposed Intervenors provided detailed declarations that demonstrate the
21 serious risk of removal facing their members and constituents as a result of Plaintiffs’ efforts
22 to use the courts to purge more voters from the rolls, and the consequent impact of wrongful

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24 ¹ Plaintiffs’ reliance on *United States v. Arizona*, No. CV 10-1413, 2010 WL 11470582 (D.
25 Ariz. Oct. 28, 2010), and *Miracle v. Hobbs*, 333 F.R.D. 151 (D. Ariz. 2019), is misplaced.
26 First, both focused largely on the inadequacy of representation prong, which, as discussed
27 *infra* Section I.B, is satisfied here. Furthermore, in both cases, the parties moving to
28 intervene sought *only* to defend the constitutionality of a statute. *See Arizona*, 2010 WL
11470582, at *2–3; *Miracle*, 333 F.R.D. at 155. Here, in contrast, Proposed Intervenors
seek to intervene to prevent an outcome—specifically, a remedy sought by Plaintiffs—that
directly threatens Proposed Intervenors and their members and constituents, including by
presenting an intolerable risk of their wrongful removal from the voting rolls.

1 removal of members on each Proposed Intervenor organization. *See* Bock Decl. ¶¶ 7–12,
2 ECF No. 19-1; Vasquez Decl. ¶¶ 3–9, 13–15, ECF No. 19-2. Instead of disputing this sworn
3 testimony, or addressing the fact that other federal courts have repeatedly and expressly
4 recognized the acute risk of “remov[ing] eligible voters” posed by their “maximum effort
5 at purging voting lists,” *Pub. Int. Legal Found. v. Winfrey*, 463 F. Supp. 3d 795, 801 (E.D.
6 Mich. 2020) (quoting *Bellitto*, 935 F.3d at 1198), Plaintiffs rely on irrelevant caselaw. *See*
7 *Opp’n* at 7–8, ECF No. 37. For instance, *Sierra Club v. Morton*, 405 U.S. 727 (1972), *La*
8 *Asociacion de Trabajadores de Lake Forest v. City of Lake Forest*, 624 F.3d 1083 (9th Cir.
9 2010), and *Arizona School Boards Association Inc. v. State of Arizona*, 252 Ariz. 219
10 (2022)), all turn on what a plaintiff must show to establish Article III standing. But when a
11 movant seeks “to intervene in ongoing litigation between other parties, [it] need only meet
12 the [four Rule 24(a)(2)] criteria.” *Yniguez v. State of Ariz.*, 939 F.2d 727, 731 (9th Cir.
13 1991). Article III standing is only required when an intervenor “*seeks additional relief*
14 *beyond that which the plaintiff requests.*” *Town of Chester, N.Y. v. Laroe Ests., Inc.*, 581
15 U.S. 433, 439 (2017) (emphasis added). Here, Proposed Intervenors seek to intervene as
16 defendants alongside the Secretary and do not “seek relief that is broader than or different
17 from the relief sought by existing parties.” *California Dep’t of Toxic Substances Control v.*
18 *Jim Dobbas, Inc.*, 54 F.4th 1078, 1085 (9th Cir. 2022) (citations omitted). Thus, they need
19 not demonstrate Article III standing to have a right to intervene.

20 **2. This action threatens Proposed Intervenors’ ability to use their**
21 **resources to focus on their civic engagement missions.**

22 Proposed Intervenors also have an interest in preserving the allocation of their
23 organizational resources. If the Court grants Plaintiffs’ requested relief, Proposed
24 Intervenors would be forced to divert resources at the expense of their existing activities,
25 impairing this significant interest. For example, Proposed Intervenors would have to divert
26 resources to educating voters about the impending purges and to ensuring voters remain
27 registered and are able to re-register if removed, all at the expense of existing investments
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1 in ongoing civic engagement activities. Bock Decl. ¶ 14, ECF No. 19-1; Vasquez Decl.
2 ¶¶ 10–15, ECF No. 19-2.

3 Plaintiffs contend that each organization’s interest is merely an “economic
4 expectancy [that] is not a legally protected interest for purposes of intervention.” Opp’n
5 at 5, ECF No. 37 (quoting *Ranchers Cattlemen Action Legal Fund United Stockgrowers of*
6 *Am. v. U.S. Dep’t of Agric.*, 143 F. App’x 751, 753 (9th Cir. 2005)). But that misses the
7 point. In *Ranchers*, the Ninth Circuit concluded that bare allegations that the National Meat
8 Association suffered harm because a USDA rule effectively “reopen[ed] the U.S. border to
9 certain categories of Canadian cattle and beef,” constituted a “pure economic expectancy”
10 that is not “legally protected in any manner.” 143 F. App’x at 753–54. But when courts have
11 held that expected economic interests do not suffice, they have done so not because they
12 are “economic”—a well-established type of injury that generally suffices to satisfy even
13 Article III’s more demanding standards, *see TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez*, 594 U.S. 413,
14 417 (2021); *Yniguez*, 939 F.2d at 735—but because they are too indirect and therefore
15 speculative. *See, e.g., United States v. Alisal Water Corp.*, 370 F.3d 915, 920–21 (9th Cir.
16 2004) (rejecting purported interest in “prospective collectability of [a] debt . . . not
17 sufficiently related to” the pending action); *S. California Edison Co. v. Lynch*, 307 F.3d
18 794, 803 (9th Cir.) (rejecting purported interest in “contingent, unsecured claim against a
19 third-party debtor” which “[t]he pending litigation would not resolve”), *modified*, 307 F.3d
20 943 (9th Cir. 2002); *Mt. Hawley Ins. Co. v. Sandy Lake Properties, Inc.*, 425 F.3d 1308,
21 1311 (11th Cir. 2005) (rejecting purported interest that was “purely speculative” and
22 “contingent upon [movant] prevailing . . . in the wrongful death action”). Plaintiffs also
23 misunderstand the holding of *Dilks v. Aloha Airlines*, 642 F.2d 1155 (9th Cir. 1981), which
24 affirmed a denial of intervention not because of the sufficiency of its asserted interests, but
25 because the movant “failed to establish that its interests are unlikely to be fully represented.”
26 *Id.* at 1157. In fact, *Dilks* confirms that a movant with a “direct, non-contingent, substantial
27 and legal protectable” interest may satisfy the requirements for intervention as of right. *Id.*
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1 Proposed Intervenors’ organizational interest here easily meets these requirements.
2 Plaintiffs’ requested relief directly threatens the organizations’ ability to preserve the
3 allocation of their mission-critical resources and would require each organization to shift
4 resources to address and mitigate its impact, at the expense of their existing activities. *See*
5 Bock Decl. ¶ 14, ECF No. 19-1; Vasquez Decl. ¶¶ 10–15, ECF No. 19-2. Numerous federal
6 courts have concluded that interests like this satisfy Rule 24(a)(2). *See, e.g., Jud. Watch*,
7 2024 WL 3454706, at *3 (labor unions had “organizational interest in avoiding adverse
8 reallocation of resources to protect the voting rights of their members”); *Issa v. Newsom*,
9 No. 2:20-CV-01044, 2020 WL 3074351, at *3 (E.D. Cal. June 10, 2020) (organizations had
10 significant protectable interest in “diverting their limited resources to educate their members
11 on the election procedures”); *Paher v. Cegavske*, No. 3:20-CV-00243-MMD-WGC, 2020
12 WL 2042365, at *2 (D. Nev. Apr. 28, 2020) (finding “significant protectable interest” in
13 “organizational intervenors’ efforts to promote the franchise”). Although Proposed
14 Intervenors laid out all of this authority in their brief, Mot. at 13, ECF No. 19, Plaintiffs
15 address none of it, and thus fail to provide any reason for this Court to hold any differently.

16 **B. Proposed Intervenors’ interests are not adequately represented.**

17 Proposed Intervenors also satisfy the fourth element for intervention as of right
18 because the Secretary of State does not, and cannot, adequately represent their significant
19 interests in the outcome of this litigation. *See supra* Section I.A. As the Supreme Court has
20 long recognized, where the interests of Proposed Intervenors and existing parties are not
21 “identical,” the burden for satisfying this element “should be treated as minimal.” *Berger v.*
22 *N. Carolina State Conf. of the NAACP*, 597 U.S. 179, 195–97 (2022) (discussing *Trbovich*
23 *v. United Mine Workers of Am.*, 404 U.S. 528, 537–38 (1972)).

24 Plaintiffs correctly concede that “[t]he most important factor in determining the
25 adequacy of representation is how *the interest[s] compare[]* with the interests of existing
26 parties.” Opp’n at 8, ECF No. 37 (emphasis added) (quoting *Arakaki v. Cayetano*, 324 F.3d
27 1078, 1085 (9th Cir. 2003)). But they quickly get off-track by suggesting that it is a
28 comparison of “ultimate objective[s]” that matters. *Id.* at 8–9, ECF No. 37. This argument

1 conflicts with the plain text of Rule 24(a), which asks whether “existing parties adequately
2 represent *that* interest” identified by a proposed intervenor, not whether the movant’s
3 ultimate litigation goal is aligned with that of existing parties. Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2)
4 (emphasis added). Moreover, the Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Berger* “calls into
5 question whether the application of such a[n] [‘ultimate objective’] presumption is
6 appropriate.” *Callahan v. Brookdale Senior Living Cmty., Inc.*, 42 F.4th 1013, 1021 n.5
7 (9th Cir. 2022) (declining to apply “ultimate objective” test because interests in that case
8 were identical, and “offer[ing] no opinion as to whether [that test] remains good law in light
9 of *Berger*”).

10 More to the point, *Berger* explained that it is not appropriate to “presum[e] . . .
11 adequate representation” by a public official, absent “identical” interests between the
12 parties, because public officials must “bear in mind broader public-policy implications”
13 than private entities. 597 U.S. at 196 (citing *Trbovich*, 404 U.S. at 538–39). Even where
14 “state agents may pursue ‘related’” interests, then, “they cannot be fairly presumed to bear
15 ‘identical’ ones.” *Id.* at 197 (citing *Trbovich*, 404 U.S. at 538). That is precisely the situation
16 here: The NVRA requires Secretary Fontes to effectuate the “balance” sought by Congress
17 in enacting the NVRA: “easing barriers to registration and voting, while at the same time
18 protecting electoral integrity and the maintenance of accurate voter rolls.” *Bellitto v. Snipes*,
19 935 F.3d 1192, 1198 (11th Cir. 2019). And “[t]hese twin objectives . . . naturally create
20 some tension,” *id.*, and require the conclusion that the existing parties’ interests are far from
21 identical to Proposed Intervenors’ distinct interests in protecting their members’ right to
22 vote and preserving their mission-critical organizational resources, *see supra* Section I.A.
23 *See, e.g., Jud. Watch*, 2024 WL 3454706, at *5 (recognizing “daylight between Proposed
24 Intervenors’ interests and those that belong to the State Board,” which include “an interest
25 in fulfilling its election obligations as required by the NVRA and Illinois law”).

26 Even before *Berger*, Proposed Intervenors satisfied the Rule 24(a) test as interpreted
27 and applied by the Ninth Circuit, under which parties do not share the same “ultimate
28 objective[.]” where one seeks the “broadest possible” reading of a statute—such as Proposed

1 Intervenor’s reading of the NVRA’s protections against removal—while an existing party
2 adopts “narrower [views that] suffice to comply with its statutory mandate,” as the Secretary
3 must under the NVRA. *Citizens for Balanced Use v. Mont. Wilderness Ass’n*, 647 F.3d 893,
4 899 (9th Cir. 2011). Such differing views of a statute “represent[] more than a mere
5 difference in litigation strategy . . . but rather demonstrate[] the fundamentally differing
6 points of view . . . on the litigation as a whole.” *Id.* (citing *California ex rel. Lockyer v.*
7 *United States*, 450 F.3d 436, 444–445 (9th Cir. 2006)). Because the Secretary must “balance
8 the[] competing interests” of the NVRA, *Bellitto*, 935 F.3d at 1198, he cannot represent the
9 “parochial interest[]s” of Proposed Intervenor and fully share in their objectives, *Citizens*
10 *for Balanced Use*, 647 F.3d at 899 (quotation omitted). *See also Kleissler v. U.S. Forest*
11 *Serv.*, 157 F.3d 964, 972 (3d Cir. 1998) (recognizing when a government-official
12 defendant’s “views are necessarily colored by its view of the public welfare rather than the
13 more parochial views of a proposed intervenor whose interest is personal to it, the burden”
14 for establishing inadequate representation “is comparatively light”). Thus, even if the
15 “ultimate objective” test applies and survives *Berger*, Proposed Intervenor satisfy it.

16 Plaintiffs’ assertion that *Yazzie v. Hobbs*, No. CV-20-08222-PCT-GMS, 2020 WL
17 8181703 (D. Ariz. Sept. 16, 2020), rejected “an identical argument” rests on a misreading
18 of that case. *Yazzie*, an unreported case that predated *Berger*, involved a challenge to
19 Arizona’s mail ballot receipt deadline under the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights
20 Act of 1965. *See* 2020 WL 8181703, at *1. After finding that the Republican movants shared
21 the same objective in defending the statute’s constitutionality and applying a presumption
22 of adequate representation, the court rejected the argument that inadequacy could be shown
23 merely by the presence of divergent views taken by the Secretary on issues that were, at
24 best, tangential to the litigation. *Id.* at *3 (noting that movants complained the Secretary had
25 “speculated on Twitter about whether President Trump conspired to violate an Arizona
26 law,” asked for an investigation into “the Trump administration’s proposed changes to the
27 U.S. Postal Service,” and took a “divergent view of the Voting Rights Act in a separate
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1 case”). With no basis for finding inadequate representation, that court denied intervention.
2 *Id.* at *4.

3 Here, Proposed Intervenors assert two protectable interests in the outcome of *this*
4 *litigation* and under the statute at issue *here*. *See supra* Section I.A. Both interests are
5 distinct from those of the Secretary, whose legal obligations compel the conclusion that he
6 cannot share them, and in fact must serve some number of competing obligations.
7 Illustrating the divergence between the Secretary and Proposed Intervenors is the fact that
8 the Secretary recently filed an Answer, ECF No. 39, while Proposed Intervenors intend to
9 file a motion to dismiss the Complaint under Rule 12(b), *see* Mot. at 9 n.3, ECF No. 19.
10 Clearly, then, Proposed Intervenors satisfy the test for inadequate representation, whether
11 under the more recent *Berger* standard or the antiquated “ultimate objective” standard.

12 **II. In the alternative, the Court should grant permissive intervention.**

13 Even if the Court were to find intervention as of right inappropriate, it should grant
14 permissive intervention because Proposed Intervenors would be the *only parties* seeking to
15 unequivocally protect the voters at risk of wrongful removal, at every stage of this lawsuit,
16 without the need to balance other duties or considerations. Consequently, Proposed
17 Intervenors will help the Court develop a full record and thereby ensure the “just and
18 equitable adjudication” of this lawsuit. *Ariz. All. for Retired Ams. v. Hobbs*, No. CV-22-
19 01374, 2022 WL 4448320, at *2 (D. Ariz. Sept. 23, 2022).

20 No party disputes that Proposed Intervenors have “defense[s] that share[] with the
21 main action a common question of law or fact” and that their intervention will not
22 “prejudice the adjudication of the original parties’ rights.” *Ariz. Democratic Party v.*
23 *Hobbs*, No. CV-20-01143, 2020 WL 6559160, at *1 (D. Ariz. June 26, 2020) (quoting Fed.
24 R. Civ. P. 24(b)). Instead, Plaintiffs baldly assert that, “[g]iven the need to adequately
25 maintain voter registration rolls in advance of elections, adding the Proposed Intervenors as
26 parties would unnecessarily delay this litigation.” Opp’n at 10, ECF No. 37. These
27 purported concerns lack merit. For one, the next federal elections in Arizona are well over
28 a year away. Beyond that, the existing parties have already postponed the adjudication of

1 this case multiple times, *see* ECF Nos. 24, 26, 31–32, 35–36, because Plaintiffs and
2 Defendant were engaged in negotiations over data requests that could have resolved “some
3 or all of the issues at bar.” ECF No. 35 at 2. And Plaintiffs have not yet sought to amend
4 their complaint to account for any of these disclosures. Proposed Intervenors joined each
5 extension request to ensure this matter’s efficient adjudication, and they commit to follow
6 any schedule set by this Court and to continue to work with the existing parties as such if
7 granted intervention.

8 **III. The Court should permit Proposed Intervenors an opportunity to move to**
9 **dismiss under Rule 12(b).**

10 Although they attached a Proposed Answer to the Motion to Intervene under Rule
11 24(c), *see* ECF No. 19-3, Proposed Intervenors also noted that they “believe the Complaint
12 should be dismissed under Rule 12(b) and intend to move for dismissal under that Rule.”
13 Mot. at 9 n.3, ECF No. 19. Thus, “Proposed Intervenors respectfully reserve[d] the right to
14 file a Rule 12(b) motion.” *Id.* In opposing the Motion to Intervene, Plaintiffs briefly argue
15 that even if Proposed Intervenors are granted intervention, the Court “should impose strict
16 limits on all submissions.” Opp’n at 10, ECF No. 37 (citing *Mi Familia Vota v. Hobbs*, No.
17 CV-21-01423, 2021 WL 5217875, at *2 (D. Ariz. Oct. 4, 2021)). Although they do not
18 specify which “limits” they seek, Plaintiffs’ citation to *Mi Familia Vota* suggests they want
19 the Court to limit Proposed Intervenors’ participation in the same manner as the intervenors
20 in that case. In *Mi Familia Vota*, the court granted intervention but ordered that:

21 Plaintiffs (for the challengers to SB 1485/1003) and the Attorney General
22 and Secretary (for the defenders of those laws) are designated as the
23 representatives responsible for coordinating the prosecution or defense of
24 this case, respectively. If an intervenor believes that an issue affecting it has
not been briefed, it may move for leave to file a brief, but it may not repeat
any argument already raised in the briefing submitted by one of the original
parties to the action.

25 2021 WL 5217875, at *2. This Court should reject any similar suggestion here.

26 In *Mi Familia Vota*, another intervention decision predating *Berger*, several national
27 Democratic and Republican Party committees sought to intervene alongside several private
28 plaintiffs and state defendants. *Id.* at *1. Those movants seeking intervention as plaintiffs

1 asserted essentially the same claims as existing plaintiffs, *compare* Compl. at 28–31, *Mi*
2 *Familia Vota v. Hobbs*, No. CV-21-01423 (D. Ariz. Aug. 17, 2021), ECF No. 1, *with*
3 DSCC’s and DCCC’s Proposed Compl. in Intervention at 27-31, *id.* (Sept. 24, 2021), ECF
4 No. 50-1, while those seeking intervention as defendants sought to join existing defendants
5 in a broad defense of the constitutionality of all statutes challenged by these claims, *see*
6 *generally* Mot. To Intervene by RNC and NRSC, *id.* (Sept. 2, 2021), ECF No. 28; *cf. supra*
7 note 1. Because no party opposed permissive intervention, the court did not evaluate the
8 Rule 24(a) requirements, instead finding the Rule 24(b) conditions satisfied and granting
9 all movants limited intervention as described above to “avoid redundant briefing and delay.”
10 *Mi Familia Vota*, 2021 WL 5217875, at *2 (quotation omitted).

11 Unlike *Mi Familia Vota*, Proposed Intervenors are the only parties seeking to
12 intervene in this case, and they seek intervention as defendants specifically to protect
13 interests that belong to them and that are otherwise unrepresented by either existing party.
14 *See supra* Part I. They are also the only parties seeking to dismiss the Complaint under Rule
15 12(b). *Compare* Mot. at 9 n.3, ECF No. 19, *with* ECF No. 39. The Court should permit them
16 to participate as a full party so they may adequately represent their distinct interests. If
17 Plaintiffs’ concern is delay; those concerns are not well founded. *See supra* Part II; *see also*
18 Mot. at 9–10, ECF No. 19. And, as a practical matter, requiring Proposed Intervenors to
19 first request leave of Court to file briefing would impose undue and unnecessary delay given
20 the likelihood that their distinct interests will result in differences between their arguments
21 and the Secretary’s. *See Arakaki*, 324 F.3d at 1086. Allowing Proposed Intervenors’
22 unconditional participation as parties—including by permitting them to file a Rule 12(b)
23 motion—will thus help ensure “just and equitable adjudication,” taking into account in
24 particular the views of Arizona voters and civic organizations that stand to be severely
25 injured by Plaintiffs’ requested relief. *Ariz. All. for Retired Ams.*, 2022 WL 4448320, at *2.

26 CONCLUSION

27 The Court should unconditionally grant Proposed Intervenors’ motion to intervene
28 and permit them an opportunity to file a motion to dismiss.

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