

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Case No. 1:23-cv-00878-TDS-JEP**

DEMOCRACY NORTH CAROLINA;
NORTH CAROLINA BLACK ALLIANCE;
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
NORTH CAROLINA,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FRANCIS X. DE LUCA, in his official
capacity as CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD
OF ELECTIONS; et al.,

Defendants,

and

PHILIP E. BERGER, in his official capacity as
PRESIDENT *PRO TEMPORE* OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA SENATE; et al.,

Intervenor Defendants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that Plaintiffs Democracy North Carolina, North Carolina Black Alliance, and the League of Women Voters of North Carolina appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit from the final judgment entered on March 26, 2026 (ECF # 199) in the above captioned case, and from any and all other orders and decisions that merge therein.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 24, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to all parties of record.

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