## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

RACHEL WELTY and	§	
AFTYN BEHN,	§	
,	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
V.	§	Case No. 3:24-cv-00768
	§	
BRYANT C. DUNAWAY,	§	
JASON LAWSON,	§	
JENNINGS H. JONES,	§	
ROBERT J. CARTER,	§	
RAY WHITLEY, ROBERT J. NASH,	§	
GLENN FUNK, STACEY EDMONSON,	§	
BRENT COOPER, RAY CROUCH, and	§	
HANS SCHWENDIMANN,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

## PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF APPEAL

Under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 3(a)(1), notice is hereby given that all Plaintiffs appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit from the final judgment of the District Court entered July 24, 2025 (Doc. 84). The Plaintiffs' "protective-cross appeal" encompasses all preceding adverse orders and is taken against all Defendants. *See Stewart v. Martin*, 143 F.4th 675, 685 (6th Cir. 2025) ("A protective-cross appeal is appropriate when the cross-appellant is 'not necessarily dissatisfied with the judgment' appealed by his adversary, but still wants a backup plan in case that judgment is reversed.") (quoting *Richard v. Caliber Home Loans, Inc.*, 832 F. App'x 940, 949 (6th Cir. 2020)).

## Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of August, 2025, a copy of the foregoing and all exhibits and attachments were sent via CM/ECF, USPS Mail, and/or via email, to:

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