

Judge Allison D. Burroughs: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered. The Court DENIES Kaveh L. Afrasiabi's motion for leave to file brief as amicus curiae. [ECF No. 183 ]. Although the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not contain provisions concerning amici appearances, it is well established that "the acceptance of amicus briefs is within the sound discretion of the court." *Strasser v. Doorley*, 432 F.2d 567, 569 (1st Cir. 1970). That said, "a district court lacking joint consent of the parties should go slow in accepting... an amicus brief unless, as a party, although short of a right to intervene, the amicus has a special interest that justifies [] having a say, or unless the court feels that existing counsel may need supplementing assistance." *Id.* Given the absence of either condition, the Court, in its discretion, DENIES [ECF No. 183 ]. As such, the related motion for a hearing, [ECF No. 231 ], is DENIED as moot. (CAM) (Entered: 07/28/2025)