

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PASTOR  
STEPHEN ORMORD, CALVARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH, and PASTOR AARON HARRIS,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY, *in her official  
capacity,*

*Defendant.*

Case No. 20-1102-JWB

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**MOTION BY KANSAS INTERFAITH ACTION  
FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF AS *AMICUS CURIAE*  
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT**

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In accordance with Local Rule 7.1, Kansas Interfaith Action requests leave to file the attached *amicus curiae* brief in support of Defendant. Defendant has consented to the filing of the brief; Plaintiffs have not informed *amicus* of their position.

Kansas Interfaith Action is a statewide, multi-faith issue-advocacy organization that “puts faith into action” by educating, engaging and advocating on behalf of people of faith and the public regarding critical social, economic, and climate justice issues. KIFA (pronounced “KEE-fa”) supporters are shaped by the values of our diverse faiths, which connect us to an age-old concern for justice, peace, and human dignity. Rooted in faith, we join hands across difference to work for moral public policy in Kansas. KIFA is a state public policy office of the Central States

Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is a partner of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference of the United Church of Christ.

KIFA supports Governor Kelly's inclusion of houses of worship in the ten-person limit for public gatherings in her executive order. As faith leaders, KIFA's members place a high value on their religious freedom. But they believe that no one's right to worship is being limited; only their ability to gather physically is affected. The pandemic is an extenuating circumstance that calls on people of faith to accept temporary limitations on public worship that would be unacceptable in normal circumstances. As the attached brief explains, given the extraordinary circumstances that exist today, the Governor's order does not violate the Free Exercise Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

For the foregoing reasons, the proposed *amicus* respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion to file the attached proposed *amicus* brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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