

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE
ASSISTANCE PROJECT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, et al.,

Defendants

Civil Action No.: 8:17-CV-00361-TDC

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO ADD THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE USA TO AMICI CURIAE INTERFAITH
COALITION’S BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR A
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

Amici Curiae Interfaith Coalition (“Amici”) respectfully move the Court for leave to add the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (“National Council of Churches”) to Amici’s amicus curiae brief, entitled Interfaith Coalition Supporting the Plaintiffs’ Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order Based on the Language of the Executive Order and the Report of the State Department. Amici’s brief is attached as Exhibit 1 to Docket Entry No. 102, Motion for Leave to File Amici Curiae Brief in Support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order by Interfaith Coalition. Plaintiffs have consented to the filing of this motion.

As of the time of filing, Defendants have not indicated their position with respect to this motion.

The National Council of Churches is a community of Christian churches encompassing 40 million Christians in over 100,000 congregations from 38 diverse member communions. The organization recognizes the importance of interreligious relationships in building bridges of understanding between peoples and has worked to strengthen partnerships between different faith groups to reduce suspicion and anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic sentiment in society in a post 9/11 world.

The addition of the National Council of Churches does not change the substance of Amici's brief. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 and Local Rule 103.3, the National Council of Churches states that it does not have a parent corporation and that no publicly held corporation owns 10 percent or more of any stake or stock in it.

For these reasons, Amici respectfully request that the Court grant this motion for leave to add the National Council of Churches to Amici's brief in support of Plaintiffs' motion for a temporary restraining order.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of March, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System, which will send notification of such filing to all attorneys of record.

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