

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

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PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE LLC, et  
al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN ROBBINS in his official capacity  
as President of the Iowa State Board of  
Education, et al.,

Defendants.

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Case No. 4:23-cv-00478-SHL-SBJ

**STATE DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF  
APPEAL**

Notice is hereby given that Defendants John Robbins, in his official capacity as President of the Iowa State Board of Education, McKenzie Snow, in her official capacity as Director of the Iowa State Department of Education, and Chad Janzen, in his official capacity as Chair of the Iowa State Board of Educational Examiners ("State Defendants"), appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, the district court's order (Dkt. 56), dated and filed on December 29, 2023, granting Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, which was filed on November 30, 2023 (Dkt. 1).

Respectfully submitted,

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