

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT**

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TIMOTHY LOVE, ET AL.	)	
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Intervening Plaintiffs-Appellees	)	
	)	CASE NO. 14-5818
v.	)	
	)	
STEVE BESHEAR	)	
	)	
Intervening Defendant-Appellant	)	

**JOINT MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

This is an appeal of a July 1, 2014 order from the Western District of Kentucky finding that homosexual persons constitute a quasi-suspect class and that Kentucky's refusal to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples is unconstitutional. The parties ask that the Court consolidate this appeal with the pending appeal of a February, 2014 decision arising out of the same district court case, *Bourke v. Beshear*, Case No. 14-5291 ("*Bourke*"). Following the February ruling that Kentucky's refusal to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions was unconstitutional in *Bourke*, the above Intervening Plaintiffs-Appellees were granted leave to intervene in the case to assert their challenge to Kentucky's refusal to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The Plaintiffs in *Bourke* and the Intervening Plaintiffs in *Love* are all represented by the undersigned counsel. The Intervening Defendant-Appellant, Steve Beshear, in his official capacity as Governor of Kentucky, is represented in both cases by the undersigned counsel. Because there is substantial overlap in the issues to be decided, the parties

believe that their interests and the interests of judicial economy are best served by joining the two cases on appeal.

Therefore, the Parties, jointly, ask this Court to join these cases and grant an expedited supplemental briefing schedule, with Appellant's supplemental brief to be filed no later than July 17, 2014, Appellees' supplemental brief to be filed no later than July 24, 2014 and Appellant's Reply brief to be filed no later than July 31, 2014. The parties further ask this Court to hear arguments on the consolidated appeal as scheduled on August 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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