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Campaign for Southern Equality, et al. v. Bryant, et al.,
No. 14-60837

Dear Mr. Cayce:

As counsel for the Plaintiffs-Appellees in the above-captioned matter, we respectfully submit this letter to respond to your letter of today's date asking us to "assist the court in rendering a full and appropriate final disposition" in this matter.

1. The Court asks us to specify the "proper order or opinion that this court should render in response to *Obergefell v. Hodges*, [576 U.S. ____ (2015)]." As we explained in our motion dated June 26, 2015, because the United States Supreme Court has now held that "same-sex couples may exercise the fundamental right to marry" and

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that state laws to the contrary are “invalid to the extent they exclude same-sex couples from civil marriage on the same terms and conditions as opposite-sex couples,” this Court should immediately lift the stay and issue its mandate forthwith affirming the judgment of the district court and remanding to the district court for any necessary steps relating to enforcement.

2. The Court asks for our views on the merits of the Motion for Immediate Lifting of Stay and Issuance of Mandate. We respectfully refer the Court to our own motion papers dated June 26, 2015 for our views on the merits. For the reasons stated therein, we believe that our motion should be granted.

3. The only motion that remains pending in this court is the Motion for Immediate Lifting of Stay and Issuance of Mandate, dated June 26, 2015.

4. As noted in paragraph 1 above, we believe that this matter should be returned to the district court so that the district court can address any issues that may arise.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberta A. Kaplan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roberta A. Kaplan

cc (by ECF): All Counsel of Record