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Environmental Protection Bureau

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The Honorable Brenda K. Sannes  
Chief U.S. District Court Judge  
United States District Court for the Northern District of New York  
James M. Hanley Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse  
100 S. Clinton St.  
Syracuse, NY 13261

Re: *West Virginia v. James*,  
No. 1:25-cv-00168-BKS-DJS

Dear Chief Judge Sannes:

This office represents defendants Attorney General Letitia James, Commissioner Sean Mahar, and Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller (collectively, “the State”) in the above-referenced matter. On September 3, 2025, Magistrate Judge Stewart issued a Report and Recommendation (the “R&R”) recommending denial of the intervention motion of West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc., Black Farmers United-New York State, Inc., Citizens Campaign for the Environment, and Catskill Mountainkeeper (together “Proposed Intervenor”) based in part on the perception that the State had not consented to the proposed intervention. ECF No. 187 at 8. The State submits this letter to confirm that it did consent to Proposed Intervenor’s motion.

Respectfully,

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