The United States Supreme Court received a broad and diverse range of amici or “friend of the court” briefs in support of key provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Together, more than two dozen amici briefs urge the Supreme Court to uphold the constitutionality of the heart of the Voting Rights Act, Section 5, which requires places with the worst histories of discrimination to receive federal approval before their voting changes can be enacted.

This broad and diverse range of briefs have been filed by: jurisdictions covered by the Voting Rights Act, bipartisan federal and state elected officials, voting experts, former Department of Justice officials, local and national civil rights, grassroots, civic, religious, and labor organizations, law professors, and others.

Full List of Amici Briefs Filed in Support of Respondent-Intervenors

1. Covered Jurisdictions – States of New York, California, Mississippi, and North Carolina
3. Ellen D. Katz and the Voting Rights Initiative at the University of Michigan Law School
5. Jurisdictions That Have Bailed Out – City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina; Washington County, Virginia; and Larnie M. Flannagan, General Registrar of Voters, Essex County, Virginia
6. Navajo Nation, Leonard Gorman, Anthony Wounded Head, Sr., and Oliver J. Semans, Sr.
7. Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Native Voters and Tribes

9. Section 5 Litigation Intervenors – Texas State Conference of the NAACP, Mexican American Legislative Caucus, Rev. Peter Johnson, League of United Latin American Citizens, South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, Family Unit, Inc., Dr. Brenda Williams, Kenyda Bailey, Florida State Conference of the NAACP, Sharon Carter, Howard Harris, and Dianne Hart


12. Marcia L. Fudge, Member of Congress and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rubén Hinjosa, Member of Congress and Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and Judy Chu, Member of Congress and Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, et al.

13. The Honorable Congressman John Lewis


15. Election Law Professors – Gabriel Chin, Atiba Ellis, Christopher S. Elmendorf, Janai S. Nelson, Bertrall Ross, Daniel Tokaji, and Franita Tolson

16. Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law


19. Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement – Hollis Watkins, Jesse Harris, Bob Moses,
Owen Herman Brooks, Ellen Lake, Willie Edward Blue and Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore

20. City of New York, Council of the City of New York, Michael R. Bloomberg, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of New York, and Christine C. Quinn, in her official capacity as Speaker of the Council of the City of New York


22. Senator Majority Leader Harry M. Reid

23. Alabama Legislative Black Caucus and Alabama Association of Black County Officials


25. National Bar Association

26. American Bar Association

27. National Lawyers Guild


29. Professor Patricia A. Broussard, Sabrina Collins, Stacy Hane, Akunna Olumba, and Named Students and Organizations of Florida A&M University College of Law

Amicus Brief Filed in Support of Neither Party

1. Merced County, California

Read amici briefs filed in support of Shelby County.