No. 21-5028

In the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF TECHNOLOGY WORKERS, Plaintiff-Appellant,

– v. –

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,

Defendant-Appellee, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS, et al., Intervenors-Appellees.

On appeal from a final judgment of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia No. 16-cv-01170 Hon. Reggie B. Walton

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CERTIFICATE AS TO PARTIES, RULINGS, AND RELATED CASES

A. Parties and Amici

Except for the following, all parties, intervenors, and amici appearing before the district court and in this Court are listed in the Brief for Plaintiff-Appellant.

New amici in this Court are: Landmark Legal Foundation, Louie Gohmert, Mo Brooks, Madison Cawthorn, Joe Kent, Programmers Guild, American Engineering Association, Inc., and U.S. Tech Workers.

B. Rulings Under Review

References to the rulings at issue appear in the Brief for Plaintiff-Appellant.

C. Related Cases

This case was previously before the Court in Washington Alliance of Technology Workers v. DHS, No. 17-5110. A previous case involving material identical regulations and arguments was before the Court in Washington Alliance of Technology Workers v. DHS, No. 15-5239.

<u>/s/ Paul W. Hughes</u>

CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Intervenors-Appellees are the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, and the Information Technology Industry Council.

None of the Intervenors-Appellees has a parent company, and no publicly held company has a 10% or greater ownership interest in any of the Intervenors-Appellees. Each Intervenor-Appellee is a trade association for purposes of Circuit Rule 26.1(b).

/s/ Paul W. Hughes

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