

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

HOBBY LOBBY STORES, INC., ET AL.,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
vs.)	NO. CIV-12-1000-HE
)	
KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, in her official)	
capacity as the Secretary of the United)	
States Department of Health and Human)	
Services, ET AL.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

Various currently serving Members of Congress have sought leave to file an *amicus* brief in this proceeding, seeking to argue for a broad interpretation and/or application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (“ RFRA”). The interests of movants in addressing the application of the RFRA to this case appear to coincide wholly with those of plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are represented by capable local counsel and by Washington D.C.-based counsel who apparently specialize in issues of this sort.¹ As a result, there is no apparent reason why the submissions of the named parties will not fully address the pertinent issues as to the application of the RFRA. Further, the RFRA has been in place for almost twenty years and has generated substantial comment and interpretational history already.

The motion for leave to file *amicus* brief [Doc. #34] is **DENIED**.

¹Three of plaintiffs’ counsel indicate they are affiliated with The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2012.



JOE HEATON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE