

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

NEW YORK IMMIGRATION
COALITION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 1:18-cv-5025 (JMF)

**DEFENDANTS' SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST
SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANTS UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE AND WILBUR ROSS**

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26, 33, and 34, Defendants United States Department of Commerce and Wilbur Ross submit these second supplemental objections and responses to Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories to Defendants United States Department of Commerce and Wilbur Ross, as modified by Plaintiffs' counsel by email dated August 27, 2018.

OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES

Interrogatory No. 1. With regard to the document found in the Administrative Record at 1321, please IDENTIFY:

- a. the "senior Administration officials" who "previously raised" reinstating the citizenship question;
- b. the "various discussions with other government officials about reinstating a citizenship question to the Census";
- c. the consultations Secretary and his staff participated in when they "consulted with Federal governmental components";
- d. the date on which the "senior Administration officials" who "previously raised" reinstating the citizenship question first raised this subject; and
- e. all PERSONS with whom the "senior Administration officials had previously raised" reinstating the citizenship question.

Objections:

Defendants object to this interrogatory to the extent that it seeks (a) communications or information protected by the attorney-client privilege or (b) communications or information protected by the deliberative-process privilege.

Defendants further object to this interrogatory as vague and overbroad to the extent it seeks information about meetings or conversations with government officials and other persons whose identities are immaterial to the claims in this litigation, and because the burden of responding is disproportionate to the needs of this case.

Response:

After conducting a diligent search, Defendants do not distinguish among the terms used synonymously in the Secretary's Supplemental Memorandum: "senior Administration officials," "other government officials," and officials at other "Federal governmental components." In order to respond as fully as possible to this interrogatory, Defendants therefore will construe subparts a, b, and c, as coextensive and will identify, as a single group, the individuals within the executive branch but outside the Department of Commerce who, before the December 12, 2017 Department of Justice letter, and as referenced in the Secretary's Supplemental Memorandum, either (a) discussed the citizenship question with Secretary Ross, (b) had raised or discussed whether to reinstate a citizenship question, or (c) were consulted by Secretary Ross or his staff regarding whether the Department of Justice would support, and if so would request, inclusion of a citizenship question as consistent with and useful for enforcement of the Voting Rights Act. In accordance with that interpretation, and subject to and without waiving the above objections, Defendants identify the following individuals.

Mary Blanche Hankey, James McHenry, Gene Hamilton, Danielle Cutrona, John Gore, and Jefferson Sessions. Although Kris Kobach is not a "government official" within the meaning of the Supplemental Memorandum, the Defendants identify him

nonetheless for the sake of completeness. Secretary Ross recalls that Steven Bannon called Secretary Ross in the Spring of 2017 to ask Secretary Ross if he would be willing to speak to then-Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach about Secretary Kobach's ideas about a possible citizenship question on the decennial census. The Defendants therefore are also listing Mr. Bannon for the sake of completeness. In addition, Secretary Ross discussed the possible reinstatement of a citizenship question on the 2020 decennial census with Attorney General Sessions in the Spring of 2017 and at subsequent times.

As to Interrogatories, see Verification page *infra*.

As to objections:

Dated: October 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF EARL COMSTOCK

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing second supplemental response to Plaintiffs' Interrogatory No. 1 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, belief, understanding, or recollection, with the understanding that the Department of Commerce is continuing to research its responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories and reserves the right to further supplement its responses.

Dated: October 11, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Earl Comstock', written over a horizontal line.

Earl Comstock