

No. 25-10651

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

Carroll Independent School District,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

United States Department of Education; Linda McMahon, Secretary, U.S.
Department of Education; Kimberly Richey, in her official capacity as Assistant
Secretary for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Education; United
States Department of Justice; Todd Wallace Blanche, Acting U.S. Attorney
General; Harmet Dhillon, in her official capacity as Assistant Attorney General
for the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice,
Defendants-Appellees,

and

Victim Rights Law Center* ; A Better Balance,
Movants-Appellants

On Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
Case No. 4:24-cv-00461-O
The Honorable Reed O'Connor

JOINT STIPULATION TO DISMISS APPEAL

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 42(b)(1), the parties hereby
stipulate to the dismissal of this appeal with prejudice, with each side to bear its

*The caption reflects that Jane Doe, a proposed intervenor-defendant, is no longer
participating in this matter as her claim is now moot.

own fees and costs related to this appellate proceeding. No fees are due to the Court.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this May 19, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing stipulation in PDF format with the Clerk of Court via the appellate CM/ECF system. I certify that all counsel of record are registered CM/ECF users, and service will be accomplished via the appellate CM/ECF system.

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