

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**
Re: Case No. 1:26CV38

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CONSENT
TO THE EXERCISE OF CIVIL JURISDICTION
BY A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Your attention is invited to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).

You are hereby notified that if all parties to a civil case consent, the United States magistrate judges of this district court, in addition to their other duties, may conduct a trial pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1) and order the entry of a final judgment. An appeal from a judgment entered by a magistrate judge shall be taken directly to the United States court of appeals for this judicial circuit in the same manner as any appeal from a judgment of the district court.

Your decision to consent to the referral of your case to a United States magistrate judge for trial and entry of a final judgment must be entirely voluntary. The judge or magistrate judge to whom the case has been assigned will not be informed of your decision unless all parties agree that the case may be referred to a magistrate judge for these specific purposes. A less than unanimous decision will not be communicated by my office to either the judge or magistrate judge.

In order to consent, you must complete and return the attached Notice and Response on Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, which is also available on the Court's website at www.ncmd.uscourts.gov, and return the form to the Clerk of the Court only:

By email: mjform@ncmd.uscourts.gov

Or by mail: **US District Court
324 W. Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27401**

If you do not consent, no response is necessary.

1/14/2026

/s/ Lawrence H. Cunningham
Lawrence H. Cunningham, Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Middle District of North Carolina

Plaintiff)
v.)

Defendant)

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) Civil Action No.1:26CV38
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**NOTICE AND RESPONSE ON REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A
MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Notice of a magistrate judge's availability. A United States magistrate judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgment. The judgment may then be appealed directly to the United States court of appeals like any other judgment of this court. A magistrate judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent. You may consent to have your case referred to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will not be revealed to any judge who may otherwise be involved with your case.

Consent to a magistrate judge's authority. In accordance with 28 U.S.C 636, the undersigned party or parties voluntarily consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings. An appeal from a judgment entered by a magistrate judge may be taken directly to the court of appeals for this circuit in the same manner as from any other judgment of a district court.

Decline consent to a magistrate judge's authority. I do not consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this case.

Date: _____

Signature of Party or Attorney

Printed name of Party or Attorney

Note: DO NOT FILE THIS FORM ON THE ECF SYSTEM.

Return this form to the clerk of court by email to mjform@ncmd.uscourts.gov or by mail to 324 West Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27401. Do not return this form to a judge.