## No. 22-51124

## In the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Kevin Clarke; Trevor Boeckmann; Harry Crane; Corwin Smidt; Aristotle International, Incorporated; Predict It, Incorporated; Michael Beeler; Mark Borghi; Richard Hanania; James D. Miller; Josiah Neeley; Grant Schneider; Wes Shepherd,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

Commodity Futures Trading Commission,

Defendant-Appellee.

On appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, No. 1:22-cv-00909

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE IN SUPPORT OF

PLAINTIFFS-APPELLANTS

In accordance with Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 29(b)(2) and Fifth Circuit Rule 29.1, the Institute for Justice (IJ) respectfully moves this Court for leave to file the attached amicus curiae brief in support of Plaintiffs-Appellants. Counsel for Defendant-Appellee has consented to the filing of IJ's amicus brief.

The Court should grant leave to file the attached amicus curiae brief because IJ's legal perspective will provide the Court with valuable insights regarding justiciability. As a nonprofit, public-interest legal center, IJ is dedicated to defending the essential foundations of a free society. Overly broad or misapplied justiciability doctrines such as standing may prevent courts from hearing meritorious claims and thereby deprive Americans of the ability to vindicate their rights. In the attached brief, IJ contributes a broader perspective to add to the arguments already before the court.

For the foregoing reasons, the Institute for Justice respectfully requests that the Court grant leave to file the attached amicus curiae brief in support of Plaintiffs-Appellants.

Dated: February 1, 2023 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Renée D. Flaherty

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Dated: February 1, 2023

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Dear Ms. Flaherty,

We received your motion for leave to file an amicus brief, however, because you have consent of all the parties a motion is not needed.

In light of the aforementioned, we are taking no action on this motion.

Sincerely,

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