



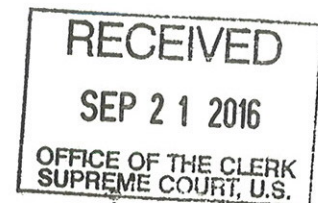
STATE OF ARKANSAS  
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September 19, 2016

Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543-0001

Re: *State of Arkansas, et al. v. State of Delaware*, No. 22O146

Dear Mr. Harris:



On June 9, 2016, 21 Plaintiff States<sup>1</sup> filed a Brief and a Motion For Leave To File Bill Of Complaint in *State of Arkansas, et al. v. State of Delaware*, No. 22O146. The Brief and Motion concern whether Delaware has unlawfully taken custody of sums payable on unclaimed and abandoned MoneyGram official checks sold in the Plaintiff States. Since the Plaintiff States filed their Brief and Motion, the Attorneys General of the States of California, Iowa, Maryland, Oregon, Washington, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, have informed the Plaintiff States that, if this Court exercises jurisdiction over this matter, they intend to join the Plaintiff States' complaint.

The allegations and claims for relief by those States are identical in every material respect to the allegations and claims of the Plaintiff States. Consequently, if this Court exercises jurisdiction over this matter, the Plaintiff States intend to amend their complaint to include identical claims against Delaware by California, Iowa, Maryland, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington. The Plaintiff States anticipate that, in response, Delaware will similarly move to amend its counterclaim against the Plaintiff States to include California, Iowa, Maryland, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington.

With the inclusion of these additional States—and a similar pending Motion For Leave To File Bill Of Complaint in *State of Delaware v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and State of Wisconsin*, No. 22O145—30 States have asked the Court to exercise original jurisdiction over this dispute between the States. And the Plaintiff States respectfully submit that for the reasons set forth in their Brief and Motion For Leave To File Bill Of Complaint, this Court should exercise its original jurisdiction over this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> As set forth in the Motion For Leave To File Bill Of Complaint, the 21 Plaintiff States in this matter are the States of Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and West Virginia, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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