

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

Sid Miller, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Tom Vilsack, in his official capacity as
Secretary of Agriculture,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:21-cv-00595-O

MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION

The plaintiffs respectfully move to certify two classes under Rule 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The first proposed class will be represented by plaintiffs Greg Macha, James Meek, Jeff Peters, and Lorinda O’Shaughnessy, and it consists of “all farmers and ranchers in the United States who are encountering, or who will encounter, racial discrimination from the United States Department of Agriculture on account of section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan Act.”

The second proposed class will be represented by all of the named plaintiffs in this action, and it consists of “all farmers and ranchers in the United States who are currently excluded from the definition of ‘socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher,’ as defined in 7 U.S.C. § 2279(a)(5)–(6) and as interpreted by the Department of Agriculture.”

The accompanying brief provides our arguments and authorities.

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that on June 2, 2021, I conferred with Emily Sue Newton, counsel for the defendants, and she informed me that the defendants oppose this motion.

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