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NARSOL TO SUPREME COURT: THROW OUT SOCIAL MEDIA BANS ON SOS

Washington, DC / December 4, 2016—On December 22, the National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (NARSOL), formerly known as Reform Sex Offender Laws (RSOL), filed a brief of Amicus Curiae before the U.S. Supreme Court in conjunction with North Carolina RSOL (NCRSOL) and the Association for the Treatment of Sexual abusers (ATSA) on behalf of the petitioner in Packingham v. North Carolina, a case concerning the rights of registered citizens to access social media websites. *Packingham* is set for oral argument on February 27, 2017.

Filing a separate amicus curiae in conjunction with its partners Public Knowledge and the Center for Democracy & Technology, the Electronic Frontier Foundation joined with the petitioner in calling upon the nation's highest court to

strike down under the First Amendment a North Carolina law that bans "registered sex offenders" (RSOs) from using all Internet social media. This law sweeps far too broadly. Social media are one of the most important communication channels ever created. People banned from social media are greatly handicapped in their ability to participate in the political, religious, and economic life of our nation.

NARSOL and its North Carolina affiliate are grateful for the dedicated work and expertise provided by the talented and capable law students of the Appellate Advocacy Clinic who were guided by Prof. John Korzen of the Wake Forest University School of Law.

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