

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT

AMERICAN SLAUGHTERHOUSE
ASSOCIATION,

Appellant,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE; and TOM VILSACK, in
his official capacity as Secretary of
Agriculture;

Appellees.

BRIEFING ORDER

This matter comes to this Court on the Appellant’s appeal from the dismissal entered in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Case No. 3:14-cv-55440 MJC (ABC), Myra J. Copeland, District Judge, Presiding.

The American Slaughterhouse Association (“Appellant”) appeals the District Court’s grant of the United States Department of Agriculture and Secretary Vilsack’s (the Appellees) motion to dismiss.

Each party is directed to brief the following questions:

1. Does the Meat Eaters’ Right to Know Act (“the MERK Act”) violate the First Amendment?
2. Can ASA pursue a facial challenge to the MERK Act on Fourth Amendment grounds? If so, does the MERK Act violate the Fourth Amendment?

The parties' briefs shall be limited to these issues, but the parties are not limited in their briefing to the arguments or authority upon which the District Court relied.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of October, 2014.

Hon. Ferguson J. Warren
United States Circuit Judge