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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 STATE OF WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

9 Plaintiffs,

10 v.

11 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
12 STATE, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

NO. C18-1115RSL

ORDER DENYING LEAVE TO FILE
AMICUS BRIEF

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15 This matter comes before the Court on Benjamin Barber's request for leave to file an
16 amicus brief on behalf of the "Nerd Party." "District courts frequently welcome amicus briefs
17 from non-parties concerning legal issues that have potential ramifications beyond the parties
18 directly involved or if the amicus has unique information or perspective that can help the court
19 beyond the help that the lawyers for the parties are able to provide." NGV Gaming, Ltd. v.
20 Upstream Point Molate, LLC, 355 F. Supp.2d 1061, 1067 (N.D. Cal. 2005) (internal quotation
21 marks and citations omitted). In the circumstances presented here, however, the Court declines
22 to consider Mr. Barber's amicus brief. The motions for preliminary relief have been fully
23 resolved, and there is no indication that Mr. Barber has unique information or perspective that
24 could not have been presented by defense counsel if they thought it helpful.
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1 For all of the foregoing reasons, the request for leave to file an amicus brief (Dkt. # 99) is
2 DENIED.

3 Dated this 18th day of September, 2018.

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6 Robert S. Lasnik
7 United States District Judge
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