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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND EMAIL

Sheila Reiff
Clerk of the Supreme Court
Julie Anne Rich
Supreme Court Commissioner
110 E. Main St., Suite 215
Madison, WI 53701-1688

Re: Rule Petition 20-03: Amendment to Wis. Stat. § 809.70 (Redistricting)

Dear Ms. Reiff and Ms. Rich,

Following yesterday's hearing on rule petition 20-03, the Petitioners wish to submit this letter to clarify one aspect of the petition, to assist the Court in its deliberation over the petition.

Sub. (5)(i) of the petition currently provides in part that

In order to provide for the orderly election process and for candidates to meet statutory deadlines for filing and residency, and after making any revisions to the proposed plan that the court considers necessary, the court shall order a redistricting plan for congressional districts and/or the state legislature no later than 15 calendar days prior to the statutory deadline for candidates *to file* nomination papers for the primary or general election in the next year ending in a '2'.

(Emphasis added.) In contrast, our supporting memorandum suggests (at page 9, for example), that the deadline should be 15 days prior to the date that candidates may begin *circulating* nomination papers.

This latter date is the correct one, because, as the memorandum suggests, candidates need to know the boundaries of the districts in which they will be running before they may begin circulating their papers among voters in the relevant district.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this petition.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Anthony LoCoco

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