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# Supreme Court of Wisconsin No. 2021AP1450-0A

### BILLIE JOHNSON, ERIC O'KEEFE, ED PERKINS AND RONALD ZAHN, Petitioners,

BLACK LEADERS ORGANIZING FOR COMMUNITIES, VOCES DE LA FRONTERA, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WISCONSIN, CINDY FALLONA, LAUREN STEPHENSON, REBECCA ALWIN, CONGRESSMAN GLENN GROTHMAN, CONGRESSMAN MIKE GALLAGHER, CONGRESSMAN BRYAN STEIL, CONGRESSMAN TOM TIFFANY, CONGRESSMAN SCOTT FITZGERALD, LISA HUNTER, JACOB ZABEL, JENNIFER OH, JOHN PERSA, GERALDINE SCHERTZ, KATHLEEN QUALHEIM, GARY KRENZ, SARAH J. HAMILTON, STEPHEN JOSEPH WRIGHT, JEAN-LUC THIFFEAULT, AND SOMESH JHA,

Intervenors-Petitioners,

v.

WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION, MARGE BOSTELMANN IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION, DON MILLIS IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION, ANN JACOBS IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION, CARRIE RIEPL IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION, ROBERT SPINDELL, JR. IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION, AND MARK THOMSEN IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION,

#### Respondents,

THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR TONY EVERS, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY, AND DIANNE HESSELBEIN, SENATE DEMOCRATIC MINORITY LEADER, ON BEHALF OF THE SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS,

Intervenors-Respondents.

## MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REPLY IN SUPPORT OF INTERVENORS-PETITIONERS LISA HUNTER, JACOB ZABEL, AND JOHN PERSA'S MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT

Under Wis. Stat. § 809.14(2), Intervenors-Petitioners Lisa Hunter, Jacob Zabel, and John Persa move the Court for leave to reply and to file a single, consolidated 9,000-word reply to the three response briefs opposing relief from judgment filed by the Johnson Petitioners, Congressmen, and Legislature (collectively, "Respondents"). A proposed reply is filed herewith. The grounds for the motion are as follows:

- (1) This case concerns a matter of great public concern; namely, whether it is equitable to leave the Johnson II congressional map in effect for four future elections where the Court has expressly overruled the redistricting principles that dictated that map's form.
- (2) Respondents have filed lengthy oppositions to the motion. Those oppositions collectively exceed 25,000 words in length. Hunter Intervenors-Petitioners' opening memorandum, by contrast, ran less than 6,500 words.
- (3) Respondents raise numerous objections to the motion that Hunter Intervenors-Petitioners did not address and had no affirmative obligation to address in their opening memorandum, including multiple procedural objections to the motion's invocation of the Wis. Stat. § 806.07 procedure and several arguments that this Court's exercise of its equitable discretion to revisit its own injunction would somehow violate the U.S. Constitution.

Given the importance of the subject matter, the length of the response briefs, and the benefit to the Court of thorough briefing of all contested issues, good cause exists to grant Hunter Intervenors-Petitioners leave to reply.

Dated: February 9, 2024

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on this 9th day of February, 2024, I caused a copy of this motion to be served upon counsel for each of the parties via e-filing.

Dated: February 9, 2024

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