#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Bria Bennett, <i>et al</i> .,	

v.

Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al.,

Relators,

**Respondents.** 

#### Case No. 2021-1198

Original Action Filed Pursuant to Ohio Constitution, Article XI, Section 9(A)

[Apportionment Case Pursuant to S. Ct. Prac. R. 14.03]

### **RELATORS' MOTION TO COMPEL EXPEDITED DISCOVERY**

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Relators Bria Bennett, et al. hereby move this Court for an order compelling expedited discovery.

In particular, Relators move this Court to order that:

(1) Respondents House Speaker Bob Cupp, Governor Mike DeWine, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Auditor Keith Faber, and Senate President Matt Huffman ("Republican Respondents") provide responses and documents responsive to Relators' requests for production and interrogatories, served on September 28, 2021 (attached as Exhibit A), by October 8, 2021;

(2) Republican Respondents sit for depositions between October 11 and October 21, 2021;

(3) Raymond DiRossi, Director of Budget and Finance for the Ohio Senate Majority, produce documents responsive to the requests attached to the subpoena duces tecum served on him on October 4, 2021 (attached as Exhibit B), by October 11, 2021, and sit for a deposition on October 19, 2021; and

(4) Counsel be permitted the option of taking and/or defending such depositions remotely.<sup>1</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As stated in the *League of Women Voters* Relators' motion, Relators would be amenable to counsel for one of the parties defending such depositions in person, provided the parties agree to certain ground rules.

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#### **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

This action was filed on September 24, 2021, and the Court issued a scheduling order on September 29, 2021, ordering the parties to file any evidence they intend to present no later than October 22, 2021. In light of this condensed timeline and the importance of the discovery sought by Relators, expedited discovery is appropriate.

To streamline this motion for the Court, Relators respectfully incorporate the reasoning set forth in Relators' Motion to Compel Expedited Discovery, *League of Women Voters, et al. v. Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al.*, Ohio Supreme Court Case No. 2021-1193 (Oct. 5, 2021), and Relators' Motion to Compel Expedited Discovery, *The Ohio Organizing Collective, et al. v. Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al.*, Ohio Supreme Court Case No. 2021-1210 (Oct. 5, 2021).

As the *League of Women Voters* and *The Ohio Organizing Collective* Relators explain in their motions and supporting memoranda, the discovery sought by Relators in each of these matters is essential to the disposition of the cases, and time is of the essence due to the expedited schedule ordered by this Court and the February 2022 candidate filing deadline.

For the foregoing reasons and those stated in the other Relators' motions, Relators respectfully request this Court compel expedited discovery. In particular, relators hereby move this Court to order that:

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Counsel for Relators **MEET AND CONFER CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO CIV.R. 37** 

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Pursuant to Ohio Rule of Civil Procedure 37(a)(1), counsel for Relators Bria Bennett, *et al.* hereby certify that Relators have, in good faith, conferred with Respondents regarding discovery in this matter, including some Respondents' general objection to all discovery in this matter, a schedule for discovery, and Relators' discovery requests, including written interrogatories, requests for the production of documents, and depositions of fact witnesses.

On September 28, 2021, Relators served the Republican Respondents with requests for the production of documents and written interrogatories. The parties met and conferred by videoconference on October 1, 2021. At that time, and in subsequent email communications, counsel for Relators and for other relators in the contemporaneously filed apportionment cases (Nos. 2021-1193 and 2021-1210) made Respondents aware of Relators' intent to take the depositions of Respondents. To date, Respondents have not produced documents, answered Relators' interrogatories, or assented to depositions. Instead, counsel for Respondents Cupp and Huffman asserts that discovery is not authorized in this case. Counsel for Respondents Cupp and Huffman also represented that they would have a potential objection to any subpoena of Mr. DiRossi.

Counsel certifies that notwithstanding the parties' efforts, the parties are unable to resolve this dispute regarding the availability of discovery and Relators' discovery requests.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing was sent via email this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 to the following:

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# **Exhibit** A

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# RELATORS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION, PROPOUNDED TO RESPONDENTS HOUSE SPEAKER BOB CUPP, GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE, SECRETARY OF STATE FRANK LAROSE, AUDITOR KEITH FABER, AND SENATE PRESIDENT MATT HUFFMAN

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Counsel for Respondents Senate President Matt Huffman and House Speaker Robert Cupp Pursuant to Rules 26, 33, and 34 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Relators hereby propound to Respondents House Speaker Bob Cupp, Governor Mike DeWine, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Auditor Keith Faber, and Senate President Matt Huffman the following: (1) interrogatories, to be answered in writing, under oath and (2) requests for production of documents, both of which are to be responded to by October 8, 2021. Documents responsive to the following requests shall be produced to the offices of McTigue & Colombo LLC, 545 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

#### **DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:
  - (1) The terms "Respondents," "you," and "your" shall mean: House Speaker Bob Cupp, Governor Mike DeWine, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Auditor Keith Faber, and Senate President Matt Huffman individually, as a member of the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and in your capacities as House Speaker, Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, and Senate President, respectively, as well as your present and former agents, assigns, employees, partners, successors, predecessors, associates, personnel, attorneys, and other persons or entities acting or purporting to act on your behalf.
  - (2) The term "Commission" shall mean the Ohio Redistricting Commission.
  - (3) The term "9/9 pian" shall mean the General Assembly maps presented by Senate President Matt Huffman to the Ohio Redistricting Commission on September 9, 2021, or any drafts thereof.
  - (4) The term "9/16 plan" shall mean the General Assembly maps proposed by Senate President Matt Huffman to the Ohio Redistricting Commission on September 15, 2021, and approved on September 16, 2021, or any drafts thereof.
  - (5) The term "map drawer" shall mean anyone who assisted in the creation of the 9/9 or 9/16 plans, regardless of whether or not they were compensated for their services.
  - (6) The term "Section 8(C)(2) statement" shall mean the statement, disseminated to the public by the Commission on September 16, 2021, purporting to explain (as required under Article XI Section 8(C)(2) of the Ohio Constitution for maps approved by a simple majority) "what the commission determined to be the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio and the manner in which the statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election

results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to those preferences, as described in division (B) of Section 6 of [Article XI]."

- (7) The term "Describe" shall mean to set forth fully and unambiguously every fact that relates to the answer called for by the Interrogatory of which you have knowledge and to identify each individual or entity with knowledge or information that relates to your answer, and when used in reference to a factual or legal contention, to describe the full factual and legal basis for the contention, and to identify any and all persons that you believe have knowledge about each such fact or document.
- (8) The term "person" shall mean and include natural persons, governmental entities, proprietorships, corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, and each other form of organization, entity, or association.
- (9) The term "identify" shall mean, with respect to any natural person, to state his or her full name, present or last known residential address, present or last known business address, and telephone number(s).
- (10) The term "identify" shall mean, with respect to any business organization, corporation or other legal entity, to state ûs full name, present or last known address, principal place of business, and telephone number.
- (11) The term "identify" shall mean, with respect to any document, to state the date of the document and the type of the document (e.g., letter, memorandum, telegram, chart, photograph, sound reproduction, etc.), to identify the person(s) who prepared the document, to identify any person(s) who signed the document, to identify any person(s) to whom the document was sent, to identify the present location and custodian of the document, and to describe the contents of the document.
- The term "document" is used in the broadest possible sense and shall mean, without (12)limitation, any kind of written, printed, recorded or graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, of any kind or description, whether sent or received or neither, including originals, copies and drafts and both sides of originals, copies and drafts, and including but not limited to papers, books, letters, correspondence, telegrams, cables, telex messages, electronic messages or electronic mail (whether or not stored or recorded on-line or off-line in archive storage), financial statements, memoranda, notes, notations, work papers, transcripts, minutes, reports and recordings of telephone conversations or other conversations, or of interviews, or of conferences or other meetings, affidavits, statements, summaries, opinions, reports, studies, analyses, evaluations, contracts, agreements, journals, statistical records, desk calendars, appointment books, diaries, expense account records, lists, tabulations, summaries, sound recordings, videotapes, word processing disks and/or memory or archive systems, computer disks and/or memory or archive systems, computer printouts, data processing input and output, magnetic tapes, magnetic disks, microfilms, all other records kept by electronic, magnetic, photographic, optical or mechanical means, and things similar to any of the foregoing, however denominated.

- (13) The term "communication" shall mean the transmission of any verbal or nonverbal, written or non-written message, information, sign, symbol, or behavior, and shall include the process by which such transmission occurs.
- (14) The terms "relating to" and "concerning" shall mean referring to, related to, regarding, consisting of, pertaining to, reflecting, evidencing, describing, constituting, or being in any way logically or factually connected with the matter discussed, including any connection, direct or indirect, whatsoever with the requested topic, without limitation, unless otherwise specified in the Request.
- B. All interrogatories should be answered based on the knowledge of Respondents and/or any of Respondents' attorneys, agents, and representatives.
- C. Where an interrogatory calls for the answer in more than one part, each part shall be separately answered so as to be fully understandable. If you object to any part of an interrogatory, answer all parts of such interrogatory as to which you do not object, and as to each part to which you do object, set forth the basis for the objection.
- D. The singular number and masculine gender shall include, and be applied as, the plural or the feminine gender or neuter, and vice-versa, as the circumstances of the particular interrogatory may make appropriate.
- E. These interrogatories are continuing so as to require further and supplemental responses if Respondents receive or discover additional information between the time of original response and the time of any hearing, trial, or other presentation of evidence in this matter.
- F. If you deem any request for documents to call for the production of privileged or otherwise nondisclosable materials and you assert such claim, furnish a list at the time of production identifying each document so withheld together with the following information:
  - (1) the reason for withholding each such document or material, stated with sufficient particularity so as to permit the Court to adjudicate the validity of the claimed privilege;
  - (2) a statement of the facts constituting the basis for any claim of privilege or other ground of non-disclosure; and
  - (3) a brief description of each such document or other material, including:
    - (a) the date of the document;
    - (b) the name of its author(s) or preparer(s) and an identification by employment and title of each such person(s);
    - (c) the name of each person to whom the document or other material was sent or

who has had access to, or custody of, the document or other material, together with an identification of each such person(s);

- (d) the paragraph of this request to which the document or other material is responsive; and
- (e) in the case of any document or other material that relates in any way to a meeting or conversation, identification of such meeting or conversation and the persons attending or participating in such meeting or conversation.
- G. With respect to each document request, Relators request that Respondents identify and produce all documents that are known to Respondents or that Respondents can locate or discover that are in Respondents' possession, custody or control, from whatever source derived, which, directly or indirectly, relate, refer or pertain to the subject matter of the request made, including, without limitation, all such documents in the files (whether they be denominated personal, business or any other files) in the possession, custody or control of Respondents or, as applicable, of Respondents' employees, agents, representatives or other persons acting on Respondents' behalf or under Respondents' control.
- H. Relators request that Respondents produce all responsive documents and other materials in an orderly manner (and with appropriate markings or other identification) so that Relators will be able to identify the source of the document or other material, the file in which the document or other material was maintained, the person to whom such file belongs, and the specific request to which the document or other material is responsive.
- I. These requests shall be deemed to be continuing so as to require further and supplemental production if Respondents receive or discover additional documents or other material between the time of original production and the time of any hearing, trial, or other presentation of evidence in this matter.
- All documents are to be produced in electronic form. Documents produced electronically J. should be produced in native format with all metadata intact. For any election or voter data file, please produce in CSV format if available. If this is not available, please produce in PDF format. For other documents, to the extent documents can be accurately represented in black and white, they should be produced in single-page Tagged Image File Format ("TIFF"), together with any related field-delimited load files (e.g., Concordance DAT, CSV, OPT, LOG). Each TIFF document shall be produced with an image load file in standard Opticon (\*.log) format that reflects the parent / child relationship and also includes the beginning Bates number; ending Bates number; beginning Attachment Bates number; ending Attaching Bates number; custodian; date sent (for email messages); date modified (for email and non-email messages) where information is available; author (for email and non-email messages); and subject (for email messages). The TIFF images shall also be accompanied by extracted text or, for those files that do not have extracted text upon being processed (such as hard copy documents), optical character recognition ("OCR") text data; such extracted text or OCR text data shall be provided in document level form and named after the TIFF image. Documents that contain redactions shall be OCR'd after the redaction is applied to the image, and the

OCR will be produced in place of extracted text at the document level. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may negotiate a separate production format (including native format) for any documents not reasonably producible or readable as standard image files, such as audio files or large spreadsheets.

- K. For documents produced in TIFF format that originated in electronic form, metadata shall be included with the data load files described above and shall include (at a minimum) the following information: file name (including extension); original file path; page count; creation date and time; last saved date and time; last modified date and time; author; custodian of the document (that is, the custodian from whom the document was collected or, if collected from a shared drive or server, the name of the shared drive or server); and MD5 hash value. In addition, for email documents, the data load files shall also include the following metadata: sent date; sent time; received date; received time; "to" name(s) and address(es); "from" name and address; "cc" name(s) and address(es); "bcc" name(s) and address(es); subject; names of attachment(s); and attachment(s) count. All images and load files must be named or put in folders in such a manner that all records can be imported without modification of any path or file name information.
- L. If a responsive Communication, Document, or tangible thing has been prepared in copies that are not identical, or if additional copies have been made that are no longer identical, or if original identical copies are no longer identical by reason of subsequent notations on the front or back of pages thereto, each non-identical copy is a separate Communication, Document, or tangible thing and shall be produced.
- M. Produce any password-protected documents with any applicable passwords.

#### **INTERROGATORIES**

#### **INTERROGATORY #1**

Identify and describe any persons who received compensation for services rendered in the creation of any Ohio General Assembly map that the Commission considered and/or adopted.

#### **ANSWER:**

#### **INTERROGATORY #2**

Identify all individuals with whom you and/or the Commission communicated about the 9/9 or 9/16 plan.

#### **ANSWER:**

#### **INTERROGATORY #3**

Identify all data and information about potential or actual Ohio General Assembly districts to which the map drawer(s) had access during the process of drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps, including but not limited to data or information showing partisan performance, incumbent addresses, and racial demographics.

#### **ANSWER:**

#### **INTERROGATORY #4**

Identify all measures through which the map drawer(s) filtered data while drawing the Commission's proposed or adopted maps, including but not limited to partisan performance indices, voting age population by race, and incumbent addresses.

#### ANSWER:

#### **INTERROGATORY #5**

Identify and describe all dates, times, places, and attendees of any meeting at which state legislative redistricting was discussed with the knowledge of at least one Commission member.

### ANSWER:

#### **INTERROGATORY #6**

Identify and describe any persons whom you consulted in drafting the Section 8(C)(2) statement.

#### ANSWER:

#### **INTERROGATORY #7**

Identify and describe the timeline by which you drafted the Section 8(C)(2) statement, including (without limitation), when the first draft of the statement was started and when a draft of the statement was circulated to other members on the Commission. If you did not participate in C<sup>O</sup> date ate permeter provided permeter provided permeter provided permeter provided permeter provided permeter per drafting the Section 8(C)(2) statement, please identify the date and time at which you first reviewed the statement.

#### **ANSWER:**

# **VERIFICATION**

 STATE OF OHIO
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 SS.

 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, depose and say that the foregoing answers to the First Set of Interrogatories propounded by Relators are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

1. All documents and communications related to the Section 8(C)(2) statement, including (without limitation) time-stamped drafts of the document.

# ANSWER:

2. All documents and communications containing or relating to instructions given to the map drawer(s) with respect to creating the 9/9 and 9/16 plans.

#### ANSWER:

3. All documents and communications concerning the 9/9 and 9/16 plans, including (as specified in the definition above) any drafts thereof.

#### **ANSWER:**

.ON All documents and communications concerning information or data viewed by the map 4. RETRIEVED FROM DEMOCRACYDOC drawer(s) regarding the 9/9 or 9/16 plans prior to the presentation of such maps to the Commission.

#### **ANSWER:**

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# **Exhibit B**

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Bria Bennett, et al.,

Relators,

v.

Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al.,

**Respondents.** 

#### Case No. 2021-1198

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[Apportionment Case Pursuant to S. Ct. Prac. R. 14.03]

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Relators hereby give notice of filing of the following two subpoenas that were served upon Raymond DiRossi on October 4, 2021: (1) a subpoena duces tecum, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and (2) a subpoena to testify at a deposition, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B. Written notice of the subpoenas, including copies of the subpoenas and payments for witness and mileage fees, were promptly served on counsel for all other parties in this action in accordance with Civ. R. 45(A)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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Derek Clinger, Counsel for Relators Supreme Ct. No. Pho Return of I received this subpoena on the <u>4</u> <sup>th</sup> day of Service: by <u>leaving</u> at place of residence Derek Clinger	5732 Springburn Dr., Dublin, OH 43017, with Dus Of 10/4/2021 Mr. Date DiBossis			

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(2) If a request does not specify the form or forms for producing electronically stored information, a person responding to a subpoena may produce the information in a form or forms in which the information is ordinarily maintained if that form is reasonably useable, or in any form that is reasonably useable. Unless ordered by the court or agreed to by the person subpoenaed, a person responding to a subpoena need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

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(5) If information is produced in response to a subpoend that is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a receiving party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies within the party's possession, custody or control. A party may not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved. A receiving party may promptly present the information to the court under seal for a determination of the claim of privilege or of protection as trial preparation material. If the receiving party disclosed the information before being notified, it must take reasonable steps to retrieve it. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

# ATTACHMENT A

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Pursuant to Rules 26 and 45 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Relators hereby propound to Ray DiRossi a subpoena duces tecum, which is to be responded to by October 11, 2021. Documents responsive to the following requests shall be produced to the offices of McTigue &

Colombo LLC, 545 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

### **DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:
  - (1) The terms "you," and "your" shall mean Ray DiRossi, in your capacity as an individual, employee or consultant for the Ohio Redistricting Commission, and Director of Budget and Finance for the Ohio Senate Majority, as well as your present and former agents, assigns, employees, partners, successors, predecessors, associates, personnel, attorneys, and other persons or entities acting or purporting to act on your behalf.
  - (2) The term "Commission" shall mean the Ohio Redistricting Commission.
  - (3) The term "9/9 plan" shall mean the General Assembly maps presented by Senate President Matt Huffman to the Ohio Redistricting Commission on September 9, 2021, or any drafts thereof.
  - (4) The term "9/16 plan" shall mean the General Assembly maps proposed by Senate President Matt Huriman to the Ohio Redistricting Commission on September 15, 2021, and approved on September 16, 2021, or any drafts thereof.
  - (5) The term "Section 8(C)(2) statement" shall mean the statement, disseminated to the public by the Commission on September 16, 2021, purporting to explain (as required under Article XI Section 8(C)(2) of the Ohio Constitution for maps approved by a simple majority) "what the commission determined to be the statewide preferences of the voters of Ohio and the manner in which the statewide proportion of districts in the plan whose voters, based on statewide state and federal partisan general election results during the last ten years, favor each political party corresponds closely to those preferences, as described in division (B) of Section 6 of [Article XI]."
  - (6) The term "person" shall mean and include natural persons, governmental entities, proprietorships, corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, and each other form of organization, entity or association.
  - (7) The term "document" is used in the broadest possible sense and shall mean, without limitation, any kind of written, printed, recorded or graphic matter, however produced

or reproduced, of any kind or description, whether sent or received or neither, including originals, copies and drafts and both sides of originals, copies and drafts, and including but not limited to papers, books, letters, correspondence, telegrams, cables, telex messages, electronic messages or electronic mail (whether or not stored or recorded on-line or off-line in archive storage), financial statements, memoranda, notes, notations, work papers, transcripts, minutes, reports and recordings of telephone conversations or other conversations, or of interviews, or of conferences or other meetings, affidavits, statements, summaries, opinions, reports, studies, analyses, evaluations, contracts, agreements, journals, statistical records, desk calendars, appointment books, diaries, expense account records, lists, tabulations, summaries, sound recordings, videotapes, word processing disks and/or memory or archive systems, computer disks and/or memory or archive systems, computer disks and/or memory or archive systems, all other records kept by electronic, magnetic, photographic, optical or mechanical means, and things similar to any of the foregoing, however denominated.

- (8) The term "communication" shall mean the transmission of any verbal or nonverbal, written or non-written message, information, sign, symbol, or behavior, and shall include the process by which such transmission occurs.
- (9) The terms "relating to" and "concerning" shall mean referring to, related to, regarding, consisting of, pertaining to, reflecting, evidencing, describing, constituting, or being in any way logically or factually connected with the matter discussed, including any connection, direct or indirect, whatsoever with the requested topic, without limitation, unless otherwise specified in the Request.
- D. The singular number and masculine gender shall include, and be applied as, the plural or the feminine gender or neuter, and vice-versa, as the circumstances of the particular request may make appropriate.
- E. These requests are continuing so as to require further and supplemental responses if Respondents receive or discover additional information between the time of original response and the time of any hearing, trial, or other presentation of evidence in this matter.
- F. If you deem any request for documents to call for the production of privileged or otherwise nondisclosable materials and you assert such claim, furnish a list at the time of production identifying each document so withheld together with the following information:
  - (1) the reason for withholding each such document or material, stated with sufficient particularity so as to permit the Court to adjudicate the validity of the claimed privilege;
  - (2) a statement of the facts constituting the basis for any claim of privilege or other ground of non-disclosure; and
  - (3) a brief description of each such document or other material, including:

- (a) the date of the document;
- (b) the name of its author(s) or preparer(s) and an identification by employment and title of each such person(s);
- (c) the name of each person to whom the document or other material was sent or who has had access to, or custody of, the document or other material, together with an identification of each such person(s);
- (d) the paragraph of this request to which the document or other material is responsive; and
- (e) in the case of any document or other material that relates in any way to a meeting or conversation, identification of such meeting or conversation and the persons attending or participating in such meeting or conversation.
- G. With respect to each document request, Relators request that Respondents identify and produce all documents that are known to Respondents or that Respondents can locate or discover that are in Respondents' possession, custory or control, from whatever source derived, which, directly or indirectly, relate, refer or pertain to the subject matter of the request made, including, without limitation, all such documents in the files (whether they be denominated personal, business or any other files) in the possession, custody or control of Respondents or, as applicable, of Respondents' employees, agents, representatives or other persons acting on Respondents' behalf or under Respondents' control.
- H. Relators request that Respondents produce all responsive documents and other materials in an orderly manner (and with appropriate markings or other identification) so that Relators will be able to identify the source of the document or other material, the file in which the document or other material was maintained, the person to whom such file belongs, and the specific request to which the document or other material is responsive.
- I. These requests shall be deemed to be continuing so as to require further and supplemental production if Respondents receive or discover additional documents or other material between the time of original production and the time of any hearing, trial, or other presentation of evidence in this matter.
- J. All documents are to be produced in electronic form. Documents produced electronically should be produced in native format with all metadata intact. For any election or voter data file, please produce in CSV format if available. If this is not available, please produce in PDF format. For other documents, to the extent documents can be accurately represented in black and white, they should be produced in single-page Tagged Image File Format ("TIFF"), together with any related field-delimited load files (e.g., Concordance DAT, CSV, OPT, LOG). Each TIFF document shall be produced with an image load file in standard Opticon (\*.log) format that reflects the parent / child relationship and also includes the beginning Bates number; ending Bates number; beginning Attachment Bates number; ending Bates

number; custodian; date sent (for email messages); date modified (for email and non-email messages) where information is available; author (for email and non-email messages); and subject (for email messages). The TIFF images shall also be accompanied by extracted text or, for those files that do not have extracted text upon being processed (such as hard copy documents), optical character recognition ("OCR") text data; such extracted text or OCR text data shall be provided in document level form and named after the TIFF image. Documents that contain redactions shall be OCR'd after the redaction is applied to the image, and the OCR will be produced in place of extracted text at the document level. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties may negotiate a separate production format (including native format) for any documents not reasonably producible or readable as standard image files, such as audio files or large spreadsheets.

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- L. If a responsive Communication, Decument, or tangible thing has been prepared in copies that are not identical, or if additional copies have been made that are no longer identical, or if original identical copies are no longer identical by reason of subsequent notations on the front or back of pages thereto, each non-identical copy is a separate Communication, Document, or tangible thing and shall be produced.

M. Produce any password-protected documents with any applicable passwords.

#### **DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED**

- 1. All documents and communications concerning the drawing of General Assembly districts following the 2020 census.
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- 4. All documents and communications concerning any factors you considered in the creation of the 9/9 and 9/16 plans.
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# **EXHIBIT B**



#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Bria Bennett, et al., Case No. 2021-1198 Relators, Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al., Prac. R. 14.037 **Respondents.** SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT DEPOSITION TO: 5732 Springburn Dr., Dublin, Ohio 43017 Ray DiRossi -FPOMDENOCRACIDO Address Name You are hereby commanded to be and appear at McTigue & Colombo LLC 545 East Town Street Columbus, OH 43215 on the 19th day of October 2021 at 10:00 a.m., and: Attend and give testimony at a deposition that will be recorded by video and stenographic means.

Subpoena Is	c, Counsel for Relators	(0092075) Supreme Ct. No.	<u>(614) 263-7000</u> Phone No.	dclinger@electic Email Address	onlawgroup.com	
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