

**In The  
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	:	<b>Apportionment Case</b>
<i>Respondents.</i>	:	

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Respondents the Ohio Redistricting Commission, Governor Mike DeWine, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Auditor of State Keith Faber, Senate President Matt Huffman, and Speaker of the House Robert Cupp (“Respondents”) offer the following response to Relators’ Motion for Oral Argument. Respondents propose that oral argument in this case be consolidated with the oral argument in *Ohio Organizing Collaborative, et al. v. Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al.*, Case No. 2021-1210 and with the oral argument currently scheduled for December 8, 2021, in *League of Women Voters of Ohio, et al. v. Ohio Redistricting Commission, et al.* Case No. 2021-1193.

Respondents further propose that all parties in these cases whose interests are aligned be granted thirty (30) minutes for oral argument, with the time to be divided between them. That is,

all Relators and the Respondents who filed Answers in support of the Relators or whose interests are aligned with Relators will be given a total of thirty (30) minutes for oral argument. The remaining Respondents will also be given a total of thirty (30) minutes for oral argument. Counsel will decide amongst themselves how to divide their respective thirty minutes.

Finally, the deadline for candidates to file declarations of candidacy for the 2022 Primary Election is February 3, 2022. In light of this time constraint, Respondents respectfully request that the consolidated oral argument be held no later than December 8, 2021.

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