

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA DIVISION**

THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE  
CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP,

and

TAIWAN SCOTT, on behalf of himself and all  
other similarly situated persons,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

HENRY D. MCMASTER, in his official  
capacity as Governor of South Carolina;  
HARVEY PEELER, in his official capacity as  
President of the Senate; LUKE A. RANKIN, in  
his official capacity as Chairman of the Senate  
Judiciary Committee; JAMES H. LUCAS, in  
his official capacity as Speaker of the House of  
Representatives; CHRIS MURPHY, in his  
official capacity as Chairman of the House of  
Representatives Judiciary Committee;  
WALLACE H. JORDAN, in his official  
capacity as Chairman of the House of  
Representatives Elections Law Subcommittee;  
HOWARD KNAPP, in his official capacity as  
interim Executive Director of the South  
Carolina State Election Commission; JOHN  
WELLS, JOANNE DAY, CLIFFORD J.  
ELDER, LINDA MCCALL, and SCOTT  
MOSELEY, in their official capacities as  
members of the South Carolina State Election  
Commission,

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No.: 3:21-cv-3302-JMC

**GOVERNOR MCMASTER'S  
RESPONSE TO MOTION TO STAY**

Pursuant to the Court's November 4, 2021 Text Order (ECF No. 53), Defendant Henry D. McMaster, in his official capacity as Governor of South Carolina ("Governor McMaster" or "Governor"), hereby responds to the House Defendants' Motion to Stay (ECF No. 51), and refers

to and incorporates by reference his Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 61) filed contemporaneously herewith. For the reasons set forth in the Motion to Dismiss, Governor McMaster maintains that the Court should dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint for myriad jurisdictional reasons. However, in the alternative event the Court assures itself of jurisdiction, the Governor agrees that the Court should stay this matter or otherwise abstain pending completion of the redistricting process and the timely apportionment of new congressional and state legislative districts. ECF No. 61, at 19–20; *see, e.g., Grove v. Emison*, 507 U.S. 25, 33 (1993) (“In the reapportionment context, the Court has required federal judges to defer consideration of disputes involving redistricting where the State, through its legislative . . . branch, has begun to address that highly political task itself.”).

Respectfully submitted,

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