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The Honorable J. Michelle Childs
U.S. District Judge
901 Richland Street
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RE: Forthcoming Amended Complaint and Pending Deadlines in *The South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP v. McMaster* (3:21-cv-03302)

Dear Judge Childs,

On December 10, 2021, Governor McMaster signed legislation into law that created new maps for the South Carolina House and Senate districts. In light of this development, Plaintiffs intend to file an amended complaint in this case no later than December 23, 2021. Counsel for Plaintiffs have discussed this with counsel for Defendants, and all Defendants have consented to an amended complaint.

The forthcoming amended complaint will procedurally moot the motion for preliminary injunction (ECF No. 59) and motion to dismiss (ECF No. 61) that are currently pending before the Court. Responses to those two pending motions are currently due on December 17, 2021, pursuant to this Court's December 6, 2021 Order (ECF No. 69).

In the interest of judicial economy and preserving the parties' resources, Plaintiffs request that the Court move the deadline to respond to the pending motions to December 27, 2021. The filed amended complaint will make responses to those motions unnecessary. Counsel for Plaintiffs has consulted with counsel for Defendants, and they join in this request.

Respectfully,

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