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Re: *LULAC v. Abbott*, 3:21-cv-259 (W.D. Tex.)

To the Honorable Judges Smith, Brown, and Guaderrama,

LULAC Plaintiffs file this letter in response to the Court's order to the parties to address the applicability of *Petteway v. Galveston Cnty.*, 111 F.4th 596 (5th Cir. 2024), to Plaintiffs' claims. *See* ECF 810.

LULAC Plaintiffs have no claims, under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act or otherwise, based on coalitions of minority groups. *See* ECF 714. Thus, *Petteway* is not applicable to LULAC Plaintiffs' claims in this case. LULAC Plaintiffs take no position on the applicability of *Petteway* on the claims of other Plaintiffs in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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