

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Regina C. Adams, et al.,

Relators,

v.

Governor Mike DeWine, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 2021-1428

**Original Action Filed Pursuant to
Ohio Const., Art. XIX, Sec. 3(A)**

RELATORS' MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

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Pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.02(B), Relators Regina Adams, *et al.* respectfully move this Court for oral argument on the merits of their challenge to the congressional redistricting plan approved by the General Assembly on November 18, 2021 and signed into law by Governor DeWine the next day. A memorandum in support is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Oral argument should be held in Relators' challenge to the congressional redistricting plan enacted by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor in November 2021 (the "2021 Plan") because the question presented—whether the 2021 Plan complies with the brand new constitutional process for drawing congressional districts—is a matter of great public importance, involves a substantial constitutional issue, and involves complex issues of law and fact.

In any year, congressional redistricting litigation would be of great public importance as such challenges concern the eminently consequential process of determining the districts for the state's delegation to Congress. But Relators' challenge and another congressional redistricting challenge filed around the same time (*League of Women Voters of Ohio v. Ohio Redistricting Commission*, Ohio Supreme Court Case No. 2021-1449) are of particular importance because they also present the Court with a substantial constitutional issue of first impression—how to interpret the congressional redistricting process set forth in Article XIX of the Ohio Constitution that Ohioans adopted in 2018. The Court's ruling in these cases will no doubt greatly influence the congressional redistricting process for decades to come.

Further, congressional redistricting cases by their nature involve complex questions of law and fact. This is demonstrated by the large amount of evidence submitted by the Relators in the two congressional redistricting cases, as well as by the substantive arguments related to the proper interpretation and application of the newly mandated constitutional requirements, which are significantly different than Article XI's requirements for state legislative redistricting.

Given these factors, the Court would benefit from the fullest opportunity to ask questions of the parties' legal counsel. Accordingly, Relators Regina Adams, *et al.* respectfully request the Court to schedule oral argument in this action.

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