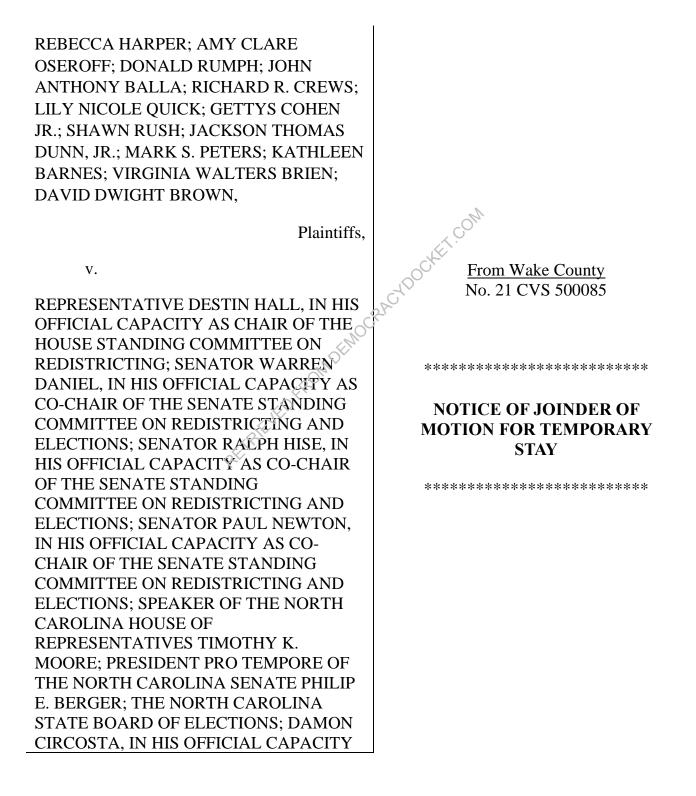
No. 413P21

TENTH DISTRICT

SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA



AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; STELLA ANDERSON, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; JEFF CARMON III, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; STACY EGGERS IV, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; TOMMY TUCKER, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; TOMMY

Defendants.

TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Petitioners hereby join the *NCLCV* Petitioners' motion for a temporary stay of the candidate-filing period for the primary elections for Congress and the North Carolina House and Senate that was originally scheduled to open on 6 December 2021 at noon. *See* Mot. for a Temporary Stay, *NCLCV v. Hall*, No. 413P21 (N.C. Dec. 6, 2021). On 6 December 2021, the *NCLCV* Petitioners filed a petition for writ of supersedeas or prohibition and motion for temporary stay in the Court of Appeals seeking to stay the candidate-filing window. A three-judge panel promptly granted the motion for a temporary stay "to enjoin Defendants from opening of the candidate-filing period for the 2022 primary elections." *See* Ex. A, Order, *NCLCV v. Hall*, P21-525 (N.C. Ct. App. Dec. 6, 2021). Later on 6 December 2021, a majority of the Court of Appeals sitting en banc took the extraordinary step of vacating the panel's order granting a temporary stay, thereby allowing

the candidate-filing window to open. *See* Ex. B, Order, *NCLCV v. Hall*, P21-525 (N.C. App. Dec. 6, 2021) (en banc).

Petitioners urge this Court to immediately stay the candidate-filing period for the same reasons articulated in the *NCLCV* stay motion. *See* Mot. at 1-2, *NCLCV v. Hall*, No. 413P21 (N.C. Dec. 6, 2021). As Petitioners explained in their petition for discretionary review, this matter is of extreme urgency due to the General Assembly's own tactics of delaying passage of the 2021 congressional map until the last possible moment while simultaneously demanding one of the earliest primaries in the country. *See* Pet. at 5, *Harper v. Hall*, No. 413P21 (N.C. Dec. 6, 2021). This Court should stay the filing period now and grant Petitioners' petition for discretionary review to ensure that next year's elections will not proceed under a congressional redistricting plan that so flagrantly violates the rights of millions of North Carolina citizens.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of December, 2021.

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Pursuant to North Carolina Rule of Appellate Procedure 26, I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing by email, addressed to the following counsel for defendants:

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EXHIBIT A



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PLAINTIFFS,

V.

ROWDEWOCKACYDOCKET.COM **REPRESENTATIVE DESTIN HALL,** IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHAIR OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING: SENATOR WARREN DANIEL, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIR OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS; SENATOR RALPH E. HISE, JR., IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIR OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON **REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS; SENATOR** PAUL NEWTON, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIR OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS; REPRENTATIVE TIMOTHY K. MOORE, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SPEAKER OF REPRESENTATIVES; SENATOR PHILIP E. BERGER, IN HIS **OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT PRO** TEMPORE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE; THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA; THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE **BOARD OF ELECTIONS; DAMON** CIRCOSTA, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE **BOARD OF ELECTIONS; STELLA** ANDERSON, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; JEFF CARMON III, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS MEMBER OF THE

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DEFENDANTS.

<u>ORDER</u>

The following order was entered:

The motion for temporary stay filed by Plaintiffs on 6 December 2021 is allowed in part to enjoin Defendants from opening of the candidate-filing period for the 2022 primary elections for Congress, the North Carolina Senate, and the North Carolina House of Representatives pending this Court's ruling on Plaintiffs' 'Petition for Writ of Supersedeas or Prohibition.' The period for Defendants to respond to Plaintiffs' petition shall close at 12:00 p.m. on 9 December 2021. A ruling on the petition will be made upon Defendants' filing of their responses or the expiration of the response period if no response is filed.

By order of the Court this the 6th of December 2021.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 6th day of December 2021.

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DEFENDANTS.

<u>ORDER</u>

The following order was entered:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, upon a vote of the majority of judges of the Court, that the Court will rehear the above-captioned cause en banc. The panel's order dated 6 December 2021 issuing a temporary stay is vacated and the Plaintiffs' motion for temporary stay is denied. The en banc Court shall promptly rule on the pending Petition for Writ of Supersedeas or Prohibition.

By order of the Court this the 6th of December 2021.

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