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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

ARIZONA ALLIANCE OF RETIRED
AMERICANS, INC. and STEPHANIE
STEPHENSON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TOM CROSBY, ANN ENGLISH,
PEGGY JUDD, in their official capacities
as members of the Cochise County Board
of Supervisors, and COCHISE COUNTY,
a political Subdivision of Arizona

Defendants.

Case No.: 4:22-at-99912

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

State Court Case No.: CV 202200552

To Plaintiff Arizona Alliance of Retired Americans, Inc. and Stephanie Stephenson
(collectively "Plaintiffs"):

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), defendants Tom
Crosby, Ann English, and Peggy Judd, in their official capacities as the Cochise County Board
of Supervisors (collectively "Defendants"), removes case CV2022005522 from Superior Court
of the State of Arizona in and for the County of Cochise to the United States District Court for
the Eastern District of Arizona.

1 Removal is required pursuant to the jurisdiction placed on the Federal Courts by 28
2 U.S.C. § 1331 et. seq. by a federal question raised on the face of Plaintiff's complaint of
3 whether or not the machines were tested by approved laboratories accredited under the Help
4 America Vote act of 2002, pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-442.
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6 **GROUND'S FOR REMOVAL**

7 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), a defendant may remove an action to federal court if the
8 district court has original jurisdiction. *Hunter v. Phillip Morris USA*, 582 F.3d 1039, 1042 (9th
9 Cir. 2009) (quoting *Ansley v. Ameriquest Mortg. Co.*, 340 F.3d 858, 861 (9th Cir. 2003)).

10 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), Defendant files this notice of removal timely, within
11 30 days after the receipt by the defendant a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the claim
12 for relief upon which such action or proceeding is based.

13 As required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) and local Rules, copies of all process, pleadings,
14 and orders and other papers or exhibits filed in the State Court lacks jurisdiction pursuant to
15 matters with the following issues:
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17 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (Federal Question)
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19 Incorporated by reference is Plaints Complaint, which invokes this courts jurisdiction on
20 the face of the record as follows:

21 ¶ 14. Federal law allegations

22 a. ¶ 14 of Plaintiff's complaint states in pertinent part: "The Secretary of State has
23 even provided to the Board the certification and accreditation information for the machines
24 used in Cochise County during the 2022 general election Ex. B."

25 b. Exhibit B attaches a letter from Mark Robbins, Interim Director of the U.S.
26 Election Assistance Commission, along with a Certificate of Accreditation document from the
27 United States Election Assistance Commission.
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1 c. Also attached by reference is a letter from Susan Parmer State Certification
2 Manager to Kattie Hobbs dated November 5, 2019, expressing "The Secretary of State's
3 Equipment Certification Advisory Committee, appointment by my pursuant to A.R.S 16-442,
4 met in a public meeting held October 29, 2019 to discuss your application and make final
5 recommendation on certification..."

7 d. According to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-442 ("**B.** Machines or devices used at any
8 election for federal, state or county offices may only be certified for use in this state and may
9 only be used in this state if they comply with the help America vote act of 2002 and if those
10 machines or devices have been tested and approved by a laboratory that is accredited pursuant
11 to the help America vote act of 2002.")

12 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (Federal Question)

13 In determining the presence or absence of federal jurisdiction in removal cases, the
14 "well-pleaded complaint rule" applies, "which provides that federal jurisdiction exists only
15 when a federal question is presented on the face of the plaintiff's properly pleaded complaint."
16 Caterpillar Inc. v. Williams, 482 U.S. 386, 392 (1987). Moreover, "it is well established that the
17 plaintiff is the 'master of her complaint' and can plead to avoid federal jurisdiction."
18 Lowdermilk v. U.S. Bank Nat'l Ass'n, 479 F.3d 994, 998-99 (9th Cir. 2007); Metro. Life Ins.
19 Co. v. Taylor, 481 U.S. 58, 63 (1987) (citing Gully v. First Nat'l Bank, 299 U.S. 109 (1936))
20 ("It is long settled law that a cause of action arises under federal law only when the plaintiff's
21 well-pleaded complaint raises issues of federal law.").

23 The face of Plaintiff' complaint present a federal question of whether or not the
24 Machines or devices used at any election for federal, state or county offices were certified for
25 use in this state and if so may only be used in this state if they comply with the help America
26 vote act of 2002 and if those machines or devices have been tested and approved by a
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1 laboratory that is accredited pursuant to the help America vote act of 2002. Therefore,
2 Plaintiff's complaint does not avoid federal question jurisdiction.
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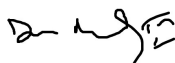
4 The Court has historically interpreted the "arising under" language in Article III very
5 expansively. In, 22 U.S. [9 Wheat] 78 [1824], Chief Justice John Marshall held that a case
6 Osborn v. U.S. Bank, 22 U.S. 738 (1824) satisfies Article III's "arising under"
7 requirement ("We think, then, that when a question to which the judicial power of the Union is
8 extended by the constitution, forms an ingredient of the original cause, it is in the power of
9 Congress to give the Circuit Courts jurisdiction of that cause, although other questions of fact
10 or of law may be involved in it.") In Applying this rule, the Court held that Congress may
11 constitutionally create federal Court jurisdiction whenever a federal law is a potential ingredient
12 for a case.

13 CONCLUSION

14 Under the aforementioned circumstances, raised on the face of Plaintiff's complaint of
15 jurisdiction is placed on the Federal Courts by 28 U.S.C. § 1331 et. seq. by way of federal
16 question raised of whether or not the machines were tested by approved laboratories accredited
17 under the Help America Vote act of 2002, pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-442. THEREFORE,
18 Federal Court Jurisdiction is well founded.
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20 Respectfully submitted,

21 Dated: December 1, 2022



22 Daniel J McCauley III,

23 Attorney for Defendants
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3 **CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE**

4 I, Daniel J McCauley III, am over the age of 18 and not a party to this action.
5 I am a resident of or employed in the county where the electronic service occurred; my
6 business/residence address is: 6638 E Ashler Hills Dr Cave Creek, AZ 85331-6638

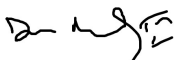
7 On the date below, I filed a true and correct copy of the original of the attached
8 documents with the Clerk of the Superior Court in Cochise County. I served the foregoing
9 document(s) to the fax number below described as:

10 **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**
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12 The following party was served:
13 Herrera Arellano LLP and Elias Law Group LLP
14 Attorneys for Plaintiffs
15 Fax: (202) 968-4498

16 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Arizona that the foregoing
17 is true and correct.

18 Dated: December 1, 2022

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