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VIA NYSCEF

Hon. Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court
Appellate Division, Third Department
P.O. Box 7288
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Albany, New York 12224

Re: *Stefanik et al. v. Hochul et al.*, No. CV-23-2446

Dear Mr. Mayberger:

I am writing to inform the Court that Intervenor-Defendants-Respondents in the above-captioned matter do not take a position with respect to Plaintiffs-Appellants' motion to expedite the appeal and for a calendar preference. However, Intervenor-Defendants-Respondents join in the request made by Governor Kathy Hochul and the State of New York: in the event the Court grants Plaintiffs' motion, Respondents respectfully ask that they be allotted at least as much time to file their responding brief as Plaintiffs take to perfect their appeal. Any shorter time period would prejudice Respondents' ability to fully respond to Plaintiffs' brief on appeal which—despite Plaintiffs' motion to expedite—still has yet to be served, over three weeks after the notice of appeal was filed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Pro hac vice application forthcoming*

cc: Counsel of record (via NYSCEF)

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