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The Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

**Re: *Louisiana v. Callais*, No. 24-109 (consolidated with
Robinson v. Callais, No. 24-110)**

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write to notify the Court of a development regarding the Louisiana Secretary of State's Motion "for Enlargement and Division of Time for Oral Argument" filed today. The Motion accurately reflects (at 2) the State's opposition as relayed to the Secretary on September 15. On September 19, the Attorney General of Louisiana—as "the chief legal officer of the state," La. Const. art. IV, § 8—exercised her authority over state agencies and ministerial officials like the Secretary of State to disapprove the Secretary's outside-counsel contracts in all litigation matters. *See* La. R.S. §§ 49:257(E), 49:258. Accordingly, the Attorney General will assume representation of the Secretary in all pending matters. A copy of the Attorney General's disapproval letter is attached.

Consistent with the Secretary's representation to this Court, the State of Louisiana, through the Attorney General, will remain the State's sole representative in this Court in this litigation. *See* Rule 18.2 Letter (Aug. 1, 2024) ("Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 18.2, Applicant Nancy Landry, in her official capacity as Secretary of State of Louisiana, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby gives notice that she has no interest in the outcome of the appeal in the above-captioned matter.").

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Respectfully submitted,

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Louisiana Secretary of State
Attn: Secretary Nancy Landry
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RE: Attorney Contracts with Louisiana Department of State

Dear Secretary Landry:

In following the prior email of 9/17/25 with respect to pending and/or active contracts with Nelson Mullins, Berrigan Litchfield, Jones Walker, Plauche & Carr, Shows Cali, Faircloth Melton, and Celia Cangelosi, the Attorney General withdraws her consent and disapproves any and all contracts with the listed firms to the extent the contracts include services related to litigation.

Any and all litigation files for the Secretary of State in the possession, custody, and/or control of the above attorneys shall be turned over to the Attorney General forthwith. The Attorney General will institute and prosecute all suits on behalf of the Secretary of State. Counsel should promptly reach out to Zach Faircloth (FairclothZ@ag.louisiana.gov; Ben Aguinaga (AguinagaJ@ag.louisiana.gov), or Tom Jones (jonescar@ag.louisiana.gov) to ensure a proper transition of all pending matters.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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