UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 25-0946 (CKK)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as President of the United States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25-0952 (CKK)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as President of the United States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 25-0955 (CKK)

LULAC PLAINTIFFS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL
INTERROGATORY RESPONSES AND OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION
FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

In compliance with this Court's Scheduling Order, ECF No. 141, Democratic Party Plaintiffs and LULAC Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs") propounded a limited set of factual interrogatories on Defendants on June 27, 2025. On July 18, 2025, LULAC Plaintiffs moved to compel Defendants' responses to Plaintiffs' interrogatories because Defendants flatly refused to provide responses or objections to a single interrogatory, let alone to each interrogatory as required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. ECF No. 148. Indeed, Defendants' opposition to Plaintiffs' motions to compel raises certain objections for the *first time* since Plaintiffs propounded their interrogatories on June 27, 2025, and still fails to provide specific objections to each interrogatory. *See, e.g.*, ECF Nos. 149, 150 at 11 (raising generalized deliberative process privilege objections about "the vast majority" of interrogatories for the first time, without specifying each objectionable interrogatory).

LULAC Plaintiffs maintain that Plaintiffs' interrogatories as originally drafted are consistent with the Court's Scheduling Order and the Federal Rules. *See* ECF No. 148. However, in compliance with the Court's July 25, 2025 Minute Order, Plaintiffs have proposed a narrowed set of interrogatories that seek to respond to Defendants' generalized objections, ECF No. 151-2, including those stated for the first time in their opposition, ECF Nos. 149, 150.

Of the interrogatories as narrowed, LULAC Plaintiffs join in propounding interrogatories 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, and 15. These interrogatories are plainly "narrowly tailored to determining 'the existence *vel non* of final agency actions and the "contours" of those actions." July 25, 2025 Minute Order. Each interrogatory asks Defendants to identify concrete actions taken or planned to implement challenged provisions of the Executive Order, other than Section 2(a). For example, Interrogatory No. 6 states "[EO § 3(d)]: Describe any action or effort you (including Defendant

DOD) have taken, initiated, or planned to update the Federal Post Card Application to require

documentary proof of citizenship or proof of eligibility. Your answer should include, but not be

limited to, the dates of such actions or efforts and all individuals involved in carrying them out."

ECF No. 151-2 at 9. This interrogatory simply asks Defendants to explain actions taken to

implement the Executive Order's command that the Secretary of Defense update the Federal Post

Card Application to require documentary proof of citizenship. Like each of Plaintiffs'

interrogatories, this interrogatory complies with the Court's Scheduling Order and July 25 Minute

Order and should be answered without delay.

Furthermore, the Court should deny Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order, ECF Nos.

149, 150, because Defendants fail to meet the "heavy burden of showing 'extraordinary

circumstances' based on 'specific facts'" that is required. See Fonville v. District of Columbia, 230

F.R.D. 38, 40 (D.D.C. 2005) (quoting Alexander v. FBI, 186 F.R.D. 71, 75 (D.D.C. 1998)).

Moreover, to the extent the Court finds merit in any of Defendants' generalized objections, the

narrowed set of interrogatories, ECF No. 151-2, obviates these concerns, mooting any basis for a

protective order. The Motion for a Protective Order should thus be denied.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above and those in the Democratic Party Plaintiffs' reply, EFC No. 151, the

Court should order Defendants to respond by August 8, 2025 to Plaintiffs' interrogatories as

narrowed. Defendants have waived any further opportunity to object, and Plaintiffs' effort to

narrow the interrogatories obviates any possible basis for a protective order.

Dated: August 1, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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