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**VIA NYSCEF**

Susanna Molina Rojas  
Clerk of Court Appellate Division, First Judicial Department  
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New York, NY 10010

**Re: *Williams et al. v. Board of Elections of the State of New York et al.*, Appellate  
Division Case No. 2026-00384**

Dear Ms. Rojas:

We represent Appellants-Respondents Peter S. Kosinski, in his official capacity as Co-Chair and Commissioner of the Board of Elections of the State of New York (“NYSBOE”), Anthony J. Casale, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the NYSBOE, and Raymond J. Riley, III in his official capacity as Co-Executive Director of the NYSBOE (collectively, “Appellants”). We write to join in the letter of Appellants-Intervenor-Respondents, of today’s date, objecting to the request of Petitioners, dated January 30, 2026, for expedited briefing on a contemplated motion to lift the automatic stay applicable to Supreme Court’s directive to the Independent Redistricting Commission (“IRC”).

For additional context, Appellants call the Court’s attention to the Affirmation of Raymond J. Riley, III, dated January 12, 2026, and filed in Supreme Court ([NYSCEF Doc. No. 204](#)) and with this Court ([NYSCEF Doc. No. 13 at 1496](#)) in connection with Appellants’ application for interim relief. As Mr. Riley explains, for the NYSBOE and local boards of election to implement a map before the start of petitioning on February 24, 2026, certain administrative actions at both the state and city level must occur (*id.* at ¶¶ 5-7). To start petitioning on February 24, 2026, any new map must be completed by February 6, 2026 (*id.* at ¶ 26).

At this point, even if there were a basis to lift the automatic stay (there is not), the IRC cannot possibly complete a map by February 6, 2026. Thus, there is no reason to expedite Petitioners’ contemplated motion, let alone to delay resolution of the pending applications for interim relief beyond the briefing schedule already set by this Court. Accordingly, Appellants likewise request that this Court decide the pending motions by February 10, 2026.

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Faso'.

Nicholas J. Faso

cc: All counsel via email and NYSCEF