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District of Massachusetts

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Case Number: [1:26-cv-11549-IT](#)

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Judge Indira Talwani: **ELECTRONIC ORDER** entered. On August 11, 2026, the court entered a preliminary injunction to prevent irreparable harm to Plaintiff Organizations and their members (1) where Plaintiff Organizations seek to educate their members about the status of mail-in ballots relating to the fast-approaching November 3, 2026 election and Defendants had placed those rules in flux, (2) by limiting implementation of that rule to elections after the November 3, 2026 election, thus ensuring orderly review of Defendants' then-anticipated Final Rule after it was issued, and (3) by avoiding the confusion that would be caused by emergency review of a Final Rule with less than 90 days before the election. Mem. & Order [[183]]. Defendants did not file an appeal and did not seek, let alone obtain, a stay of the preliminary injunction.

Nonetheless, on August 21, 2026, USPS issued its Final Rule, with an anticipated publication date in the Federal Register of August 26, 2026. Plaintiffs promptly filed their pending Emergency Motion [[189]] and requested expedited briefing.

Defendants now oppose that request, asserting that their action will have no effect on the rules themselves while the injunctions are in place, while ignoring the confusion that the publication will engender. See Response [[192]]. Defendants also oppose the expedited briefing scheduling, objecting to "only two business days to respond," despite USPS creating the emergency by issuing a rule on a Friday evening after the courts were closed.

Defendants shall file any response to Plaintiffs Emergency Motion to Enforce Preliminary Injunction [[189]] no later than 8:00 a.m. on August 25, 2026, to allow this court one business day to address Plaintiffs' pending motion before the August 26, 2026 publication date.

Alternatively, the court is prepared to allow Defendants' requested filing deadline of 11:59 pm on Thursday, August 27, 2026, but with entry of a Temporary Restraining Order staying publication of the Final Rule. If Defendants seek the August 27, 2026 filing date they shall promptly advise the court such that such a TRO may enter.(Talwani, Indira)

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