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Honorable James Moody, Jr.
United States District Judge
United States Court House
500 West Capitol Avenue, Room C446
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: *Simpson v. Thurston, Arkansas Secretary of State*
U.S. District Court, Eastern District, Docket No. 4:22-cv-213
U.S. Supreme Court Docket No. 23-138

Dear Judge Moody:

I am writing this letter to you as the member of the Three-Judge Panel ("the Panel") in whose division this lawsuit is filed, but it is equally directed to all members of the Panel.

I am sure that you are aware that the U.S. Supreme Court entered an Order on June 3, 2024, vacating the Judgment of the Panel that was entered on May 25, 2023, granting the State's Motions to Dismiss the Amended Complaint, and remanding the case to the Panel for further consideration in light of the Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Alexander v. South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP*, 602 U.S. ___, 144 S.Ct. 1221 (2024). A certified copy of that Order was filed with the Clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas on July 8, 2024.

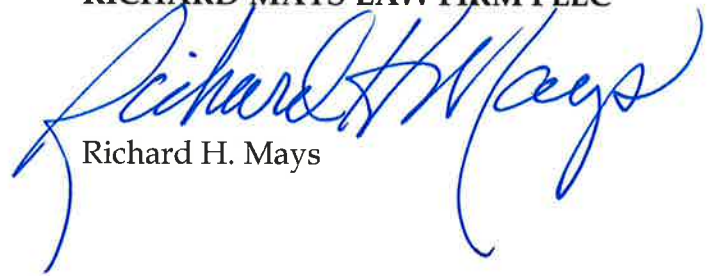
As attorney for the Plaintiffs, I request the Court to set a status conference with counsel for the parties to discuss the proceedings that should take place from this point forward. Among the activities that the Plaintiffs believe to be appropriate would be to set a schedule for conducting discovery, submission of motions and hearings thereon, etc.

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I appreciate the Panel's past attention to this case, and look forward to continuing to develop the case for the Panel's further consideration.

Sincerely,

RICHARD MAYS LAW FIRM PLLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard H. Mays". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Richard H. Mays

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cc: Counsel of record