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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF STEUBEN TIM HARKENRIDER, GUY C. BROUGHT, Index No.: E2022-0116CV LAWRENCE CANNING, PATRICIA CLARINO, GEORGE DOOHER, JR., STEPHEN EVANS, LINDA FANTON, JERRY FISHMAN, JAY FRANTZ, LAWRENCE GARVEY, ALAN **AFFIDAVIT OF** NEPHEW, SUSAN ROWLEY, JOSEPHINE **GAVIN WAX** THOMAS, AND MARIANNE VOLANTE, Petitioners, v. GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE BRIAN A. BENJAMIN, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS, SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY CARL HEASTIE, NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON DEMOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND REAPPORTIONMENT, Respondents.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

) ss.: COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I, Gavin Wax, being duly sworn, depose and state the following:

1. I am a citizen of the State of New York, residing at 1229 First Avenue, Apt. 11, New York, NY 10065 in New York County. I am registered to vote in the State of New York.

2. I am the President of the New York Young Republican Club. In addition to my political advocacy on behalf of Republican-related causes, I am a supporter of the ability of so-called "third parties" to organize in the State of New York and for candidates to seek third-party

ballot lines in general elections. Our polarized, tribal political culture is broken, and I firmly believe that more voices deserve to be heard.

3. I am a supporter of the Parent Party of New York (the "Parent Party"). I understand that two of the core issues promoted by the Parent Party of New York are school choice and supporting local law enforcement. I have always supported parents' right to choose where their children go to school. In addition, I oppose so-called "Defund the Police" efforts. Accordingly, I strongly support several of the core principles of the Parent Party.

4. The entire redistricting process and the ongoing litigation has interfered with the Parent Party's ability to circulate petitions which would (a) allow Parent Party candidates to get on the ballot and (b) enable the Parent Party to become a ballot access party in the State of New York. This dilutes the power of my vote based on my political beliefs and diminishes the effect of my political advocacy work.

5. I seek to intervene in this action so that my rights will be protected. I previously intervened in this action seeking the State Assembly map to be invalidated, but now, my current request for relief focuses only on the independent nominating petitioning process based on the Court's May 11, 2022 Ballot Access Order.

Gavin Wax

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Sworn to and subscribed before me 2022. day of this lic

MARY SARAGOUSSI Notary Public, State of New York NO. 01SA6262738 Qualified in Kings County Certificate filed in New York County Commission Expires 05/29/2024

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