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VIA NYSCEF

Honorable Patrick F. McAllister
Supreme Court, Steuben County
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, New York 14810

Re: *Harkenrider, et al. v. Hochul, et al.*, Index No. E2022-0116CV (Sup. Ct. Steuben Cnty.)

Dear Justice McAllister:

Earlier today, the Court of Appeals issued its Opinion in this case, providing that “the enactment of the congressional and senate maps by the legislature was procedurally unconstitutional, and the congressional map is also substantively unconstitutional as drawn with impermissible partisan purpose, leaving the state without constitutional district lines for use in the 2022 primary and general elections.” COA Majority Opinion, slip op. at 28. The Court of Appeals then “endorse[d] the procedure directed by [this Court] to order the adoption of a redistricting plan with the assistance of a neutral expert, designated a special master, following submissions from the parties, the legislature, and any interested stakeholders who wish to be heard,” while ordering that this procedure be extended to the state Senate map as well, so that constitutional maps will be in place for the 2022 election cycle. *Id.* at 29–32 (citation omitted).

Consistent with the Court of Appeals’ ruling, Petitioners respectfully request that this Court issue an expedited order for the submission of remedial state Senate maps for the Special Master’s consideration, which would allow this Court to adopt final, non-partisan maps for Congress and the state Senate in time for those maps’ use in the 2022 election cycle.

Sincerely,

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Misha Tseytlin

cc: All Counsel of Record (via NYSCEF)