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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

RICHARD VIETH, NORMA JEAN )  
VIETH, and SUSAN FUREY, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

THE COMMONWEALTH OF )  
PENNSYLVANIA; MARK S. )  
SCHWEIKER, et al )

Defendants. )

No. 1: CV 01-2439  
Judge Rambo, Judge  
Yohn, Judge Nygaard

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**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO EXPEDITE**

Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court to expedite the hearing in this matter. The state court proceedings for which this Court delayed its initial hearing date of February 11, 2002, are now completed, and the 2002 congressional election schedule imposes its deadline for filing nomination papers on March 12, 2002. Accordingly, it is now appropriate for this Court to resume consideration of this matter.

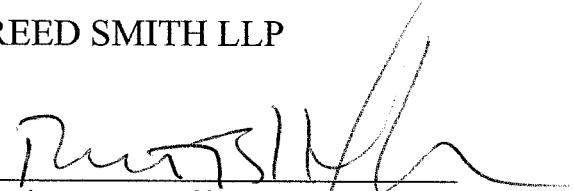
Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court reschedule the March 11 hearing for a date closer to the originally scheduled hearing. Plaintiffs note that defendants conducted depositions of their experts last week and that they, in turn, are deposing plaintiffs' experts this week. There is no reason

why the parties cannot be prepared to conduct a hearing at a date substantially earlier than March 11.

Respectfully submitted,

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