

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
CENTRAL DIVISION**

**DEBORAH SPRINGER SUTTLAR, JUDY GREEN, FRED LOVE,  
in his individual and official capacity as State Representative,  
KWAMI ABDUL-BEY, CLARICE ABDUL-BEY, and  
PAULA WITHERS,**

**PLAINTIFFS**

vs.

**Case No. 4:22-cv-00368-KGB**

**JOHN THURSTON, in his official capacity  
as the Secretary of State of Arkansas and in his official capacity  
as the Chairman of the Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners;  
and SHARON BROOKS, BILENDA  
HARRIS-RITTER, WILLIAM LUTHER,  
CHARLES ROBERTS, WENDY BRANDON, JAMIE CLEMMER and  
JAMES HARMON SMITH III, in their official capacities  
as members of the Arkansas State Board of  
Election Commissioners,**

**DEFENDANTS**

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Defendants respectfully submit this Motion for an extension of the deadline to respond to Plaintiffs' Motion for Remand (Doc. 9) and Motion to Stay (Doc. 11). Defendants request that this deadline be extended by 14 days, from May 20, 2022, to June 3. Pursuant to L.R. 6.2(b), counsel for Defendants has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs, and Plaintiffs do not oppose the requested extension.

1. Plaintiffs filed their Motion for Remand and Motion to Stay on May 6, 2022. (See Doc. 9 & Doc. 11). Accordingly, Defendants must respond to both motions by May 20. L.R. 7.2(b).

2. An extension of that deadline is warranted due to Defendants' counsel's other professional obligations. These obligations include additional filings in federal district court, in-

cluding post-trial briefing, upcoming briefing in the Eighth Circuit, and supervising the preparation of briefs in state and lower federal courts. A 14-day extension of the filing deadline—up to and including June 3, 2022—would materially assist Defendants in preparing their response to Plaintiffs’ Motion to Remand and Motion to Stay. Counsel for Defendants has conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs, and Plaintiffs do not oppose the requested extension.

Therefore, Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant this motion for a 14-day extension of the deadline to respond to Plaintiffs’ Motion for Remand (Doc. 9) and Motion to Stay (Doc. 11).

Dated: May 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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