STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF CLAIMS

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY and CINDY BERRY,

Plaintiffs,

v

JOCELYN BENSON, in her official capacity as Secretary of State and JONATHAN BRATER, in his official capacity as Director of Elections,

Defendants.

No. 25-000181-MZ

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SECOND STIPULATED ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR DEFENDANTS TO FILE THEIR FIRST RESPONSIVE PLEADING

On November 21, 2025, Plaintiffs filed their Verified Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief. On December 1, 2025, counsel for Defendants requested an extension of two weeks from Plaintiffs' counsel. Plaintiffs' counsel

agreed. On December 2, 2025, this Court signed an order granting Defendants' requested extension.

By extension, Defendants' first responsive pleading is currently due on December 30, 2025. Because this case raises important constitutional questions and given the Holidays and office closures, counsel for Defendants requested an additional extension of 21 days from Plaintiffs' counsel to file their first responsive pleading. Plaintiffs' counsel agreed.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants' first responsive pleading to Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief will be due no later than January 20, 2026.

Dated: January 5, 2026

HON. SIMA G. PATEL
Court of Claims Judge

The parties, through their respective counsel, stipulate to the entry of the above order.

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