IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE DIVISION

NANCY CAROLA JACOBSON, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v. Case No.: 4:18cv262-MW/CAS

LAUREL M. LEE, et al.,

Defendant/Intervenors.

ORDER VACATING JUDGMENT AND DISMISSING CASE

On September 3, 2020, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit issued its final opinion in this case on appeal. ECF No. 243. The Eleventh Circuit vacated the judgment against the Secretary and remanded the case to this Court with instructions to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. On October 28, 2020, the Eleventh Circuit denied the petition for rehearing, and on November 5, 2020, the Eleventh Circuit issued its Mandate.

Pursuant to the Mandate issued in this case, this Court's prior order, ECF No. 202, and the Clerk's judgment, ECF No. 203, are **VACATED**. The Clerk shall enter an amended judgment stating that "Plaintiff's claims are **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction."

In light of the majority's opinion in this case which suggests that I am "used to usurping the authority of state legislatures to regulate elections," and that I take my obligations "far too lightly," this Court feels obliged to quote the thoughtful comments of Judge Wynn:

Editorial writers, political speechwriters, and others are free, of course, to make a career out of accusing judges who make decisions that they dislike of bias and bad faith. But the public's confidence and trust in the integrity of the judiciary suffer greatly when judges who disagree with their colleagues' view of the law accuse those colleagues of abandoning their constitutional oath of office.

In re Trump, 958 F.3d 274, 289-90 (4th Cir. 2020).

The Clerk shall close the file.

SO ORDERED on November 9, 2020

<u>SMark E. Walker</u>
Chief United States District Judge