

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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**No. 108 MM 2024**

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Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania,  
Petitioners,

v.

Al Schmidt, in his official capacity as Secretary of the Commonwealth,  
and All 67 County Boards of Elections  
Respondents.

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**PETITIONERS' RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR LEAVE  
TO INTERVENE FILED BY FAITH A. GENSER, FRANK P. MATIS,  
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**RESPONSE BY THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE AND  
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF PENNSYLVANIA TO THE APPLICATION FOR  
LEAVE TO INTERVENE FILED BY THE *GENSER* AND *CCJ* PLAINTIFFS**

Petitioners Republican National Committee and the Republican Party of Pennsylvania (collectively “Petitioners”), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby file this Response to the Application for Leave to Intervene (“Application for Intervention”) filed by the Plaintiffs in two separate actions currently pending in the Pennsylvania appellate courts, *Genser v. Butler County Board of Elections*, and *Center for Coalfield Justice v. Washington County Board of Elections*.

At its most foundational level, Petitioners’ King’s Bench Application seeks to ensure uniformity with regard to the administration of mail ballots in Pennsylvania in the upcoming 2024 General Election (and elections moving forward). *See e.g.*, King’s Bench Application at 2, 29-31.<sup>1</sup>

The instant Application for Intervention was filed by two groups of Plaintiffs who are currently engaged in pending legal battles including the current appeal before this Court in *Genser v. Butler Bd. of Elec.*, 27 WAP 2024 (“*Genser*”) and the current appeal pending in the Commonwealth Court in *Center for Coalfield Justice v. Washington County Bd. of Elec.*, No. 1172 C.D. 2024 (“*CCJ*”). While these cases

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<sup>1</sup> This Response uses “mail ballot” to refer to both absentee ballots and mail-in ballots. *See* 25 P.S. §§ 3146.6, 3150.16.

began in different counties and resulted in vastly differing conclusions by the relevant trial court, *Genser* and *CCJ* share important commonality. Each arose out of the Secretary's utilization of the SURE system to implement notice and cure procedures and each share the common goal of forcing the county boards of election to engage in notice and cure procedures via provisional voting. Hence, the very existence of the pending *Genser* and *CCJ* matters reinforce the need for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to accept the King's Bench Application and provide much-needed state wide clarity and uniformity on these issues in advance of the 2024 General Election.

Permitting the Petitioners from the *Genser* and *CCF* matters to intervene in this action would provide the most efficient manner to have these crucial issues decided in advance of the Election in a single proceeding where all necessary parties are present.

Accordingly, Petitioners do not object to the intervention of the *Genser* and *CCJ* Plaintiffs and respectfully urge the Court to accept the King's Bench Application, to exercise its powers under 42 Pa.C.S. § 726 to take jurisdiction over the *CCJ* matter presently before the Commonwealth Court, and to decide that matter as well as the *Genser* appeal pending in this Court as part of the adjudication of Petitioners' King's Bench Application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the United Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

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