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Re: Wolf v. General Assembly, 482 MD 22

Dear Honorable Judges of the Commonwealth Court:

My firm represents House Democratic Caucus Leader Joanna E. McClinton and the House Democratic Caucus. I write briefly in response to Mr. Anderson’s letter dated December 13, 2022. I wrote to Mr. Anderson and not this Court in the first instance to avoid involving the Court in this issue. As Mr. Anderson noted in footnote 1, the issue of whether House Democratic Caucus Leader Joanna E. McClinton or House Republican Caucus Leader Bryan D. Cutler serves as presiding officer of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives is a disputed issue that is the subject of a separate action commenced in the Commonwealth Court on December 9, 2022 docketed at No. 588 M.D. 2022.

House Democratic Caucus Leader Joanna E. McClinton disputes Mr. Anderson’s articulation of the relevant facts and his assertion that Representative Cutler has authority to speak for the House of Representatives. Indeed, Pennsylvania voters elected a majority of Democrats to serve in the next General Assembly. That dispute is not before this Court.

Mr. Anderson’s letter confirms what we asked him to communicate to the Court—he does not speak for the House of Representatives as a whole but is only advocating in this matter at the behest of the Republican Leader and the House Republican Caucus. Those parties have intervened in this action as Respondents, and their views have been amply represented in this proceeding.

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Respectfully,

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