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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, et al.,	:
Petitioners,	: : 133 MM 2020
V.	: Intermediate Court Docket No: : 407 MD 2020
KATHY BOOCKVAR, et al.,	
Respondents.	:

ANSWER TO THE APPLICATION FOR THE COURT TO EXERCISE EXTRAORDINARY JURISDICTION OVER THE COMMONWEALTH COURT CASE DOCKETED AT 407 MD 2020

Respondents Armstrong County Board of Elections, Bedford County Board of Elections, Blair County Board of Elections, Centre County Board of Elections, Columbia County Board of Elections, Dauphin County Board of Elections, Fayette County Board of Elections, Huntingdon County Board of Elections, Indiana County Board of Elections, Lackawanna County Board of Elections, Lawrence County Board of Elections, Lebanon County Board of Elections, Montour County Board of Elections, Northumberland County Board of Elections, Venango County Board of Elections, and York County Board of Elections (collectively, the "Counties"), by their counsel, Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, P.C. file the following Answer to Secretary Boockvar's Application for the Court to Exercise Extraordinary Relief Over the Commonwealth Court Case Docketed at 407 MD 2020 (the "Application").

The Counties hereby join the Application and generally favor the relief requested by the Secretary.¹ A prompt ruling on the Application by this Court will ensure consistency and enable the Counties to administer the November General Election effectively and in compliance with Pennsylvania law.

WHEREFORE, the Counties respectfully request that this Court grant the Application.

Date: <u>August 19, 2020</u>

Respectfully submitted

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¹ Respondent Lawrence County joins the Application for the Court to Exercise Extraordinary Jurisdiction Over the Commonwealth Court Case Docketed at 407 MD 2020 and agrees that the public importance of the issues presented and the need for immediate resolution justify Secretary Boockvar's Application. Respondent Lawrence County takes no position on the suggested answer to Statement of Questions Presented V or the legal argument presented in paragraph D of Argument for Declaratory Relief contained in said Application.

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY

I certify that that filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified 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.

Dated: August 19, 2020

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