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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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**IN RE NOVEMBER 3, 2020  
GENERAL ELECTION**

**Petition of: Kathy Boockvar,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania**

**No. 149 MM 2020**

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**ANSWER OF THE LUZERNE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
JOINING WITH SECRETARY BOOCKVAR'S APPLICATION  
FOR INVOCATION OF KING'S BENCH POWER TO DECLARE  
PROPER CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELECTION CODE**

The Board of Elections of Luzerne County ("Luzerne County") agrees with Applicant, Secretary of the Commonwealth Kathy Boockvar, that this Court should invoke King's Bench power to declare proper construction of the Pennsylvania Election Code. The November 3, 2020 General Election is now less than four weeks away. Luzerne County believes that this is an issue of immediate and significant public importance requiring immediate judicial resolution in order to avoid confusion, to ensure transparency and, most importantly, to prevent qualified voters from being disenfranchised.

Accordingly, Luzerne County joins with the Secretary's request that the Court assume jurisdiction over this matter under its King's Bench power to quickly and

conclusively resolve this statutory construction issue. Luzerne County also joins in the Secretary's requests for judicial declaration from this Court that (1) county election officials may not reject applications or refuse to count voted ballots based on a subjective perception of signature variation and (2) absentee and mail-in ballots and the applications for those ballots may not be challenged by third-parties based on signature comparison at any time.

WHEREFORE, Luzerne County respectfully requests that the Court grant the Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATED: October 7, 2020

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