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Seth Hopkins  
Harris County Attorney  
Via email: Seth.Hopkins@cao.hctx.net

Re: Cause No. 2020-52383; *The State of Texas v. Chris Hollins*, in his official capacity  
as Harris County Clerk, In the 61st Judicial District Court, Harris County, Texas

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

In tweet dated August 25, 2020 (<https://twitter.com/HarrisVotes/status/1298372637912072193>), the Harris County Clerk announced, "Update: our office will be mailing every registered voter an application to vote by mail. To learn more about voting by mail in Harris County, Please visit <http://HarrisVotes.com/votebymail>." The tweet also stated, "Check your mail! Every Harris County registered voter will be sent an application to vote by mail next month." The Office of the Attorney General has filed a lawsuit seeking to enjoin the Harris County Clerk from following through with this plan.

This letter serves as an agreement under Rule 11 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure that (1) the Harris County Clerk will not send applications to vote by mail to registered voters under the age of 65 who have not requested them until five days after a ruling on our application for a temporary injunction, (2) the parties will request a temporary injunction hearing at a mutually agreeable time no later than September 9, (3) the Office of the Attorney General will not seek a temporary restraining order, and (4) representatives from the Harris County Clerk and the Secretary of State will discuss this matter today at a mutually agreeable time after 4:00 p.m. CT.

If you agree, please sign and return this letter to me, or email me your agreement. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charles K. Eldred  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Attorney for Plaintiff

/s/ Seth Hopkins by Charles K. Eldred by permission  
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