

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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BARBARA DIAMOND, STEVEN	:	
DIAMOND, NANCY CHISWICK,	:	
WILLIAM COLE, RONALD FAIRMAN,	:	CIVIL ACTION
COLLEEN GUINEY, GILLIAN KRATZER,	:	
DEBORAH NOEL, MARGARET	:	
SWOBODA, SUSAN WOOD, AND	:	No. 2:17-cv-5054
PAMELA ZIDIK,	:	

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT TORRES, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and JONATHAN MARKS, Commissioner of the Bureau of Elections, in Their Official Capacities,

Defendants.

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**DEFENDANTS’ RESPONSE TO PROPOSED INTERVENORS’ OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR EXPEDITED PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER**

Defendants, Robert M. Torres, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Jonathan Marks, Commissioner of the Bureau of Elections, in their official capacities, believe that Plaintiffs’ claims should be resolved as promptly as possible. Therefore, Defendants have not opposed Plaintiffs’ Motion for an Expedited Pretrial Scheduling Order.

The Proposed Intervenors, Michael C. Turzai, Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and Joseph B. Scarnati III, Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore, oppose Plaintiffs’ Motion, arguing, among other things, that it will be impossible for the Court to order relief in time for the 2018 Congressional elections. *See* Prospective Intervenors’ Opposition, ECF No. 25, at 6-11. Defendants disagree; they believe that the Court and the parties are capable of resolving these matters, determining whether a new map is required, and, if so, putting a map in place, by January 23, 2018 (three weeks before the first event on the Department of State’s

elections calendar). If it turns out to be impossible to meet this particular deadline, the Court can consider other relief.

Accordingly, Defendants believe that an expedited schedule is appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 22, 2017, I caused the foregoing Response to be filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania via the Court's CM/ECF system, which will provide electronic notice to all counsel and parties of record.

/s/ Michele D. Hangle  
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