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Pennsylvania Judicial Center
601 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 4500
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Re: League of Women Voters of Pa., et al. v. Commonwealth, et al.
No. 159 MM 2017

Dear Ms. Bizzoso:

This firm represents the institution of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the above matter. As an update, as of the date of this filing, we are aware that legislation is currently advancing through the General Assembly that could result in a newly-enacted map. We also are aware that several parties are seeking a stay of this Court’s prior order.

In its order of January 26, 2018, the Court directs that “the Pennsylvania General Assembly shall submit to the Court, or direct the Legislative Data Processing Center to submit to the Court, no later than January 31, 2018 at noon, ESRI shape files that contain the current boundaries of all Pennsylvania municipalities and precincts.” The General Assembly and its Legislative Data Processing Center do not maintain ESRI shape files that contain *current* boundaries of all Pennsylvania municipalities and precincts. The General Assembly, through its Legislative Data Processing Center, develops ESRI shape files with all relevant municipal and precinct boundaries once every ten years, in connection with the legislative redistricting and reapportionment processes. Such files are not updated and maintained by the General Assembly between each decennial Census.

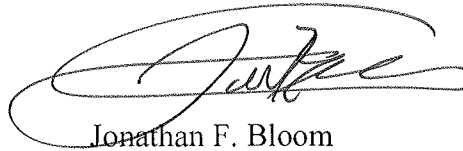
The most recent ESRI shape files containing the boundaries of all Pennsylvania municipalities and precincts which the General Assembly and its Legislative Data Processing Center have are from the year 2011. Those shape files have been continuously available to the public on the Pennsylvania Redistricting website since 2011, and are available there at this time (see www.redistricting.state.pa.us, “Data” tab, “Download 2011 Voting District Boundary

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Shapefiles” link). The files were certified by the 2011-12 Legislative Reapportionment Commission at its meeting on August 17, 2011, and were based on data from the 2010 Census.

While the General Assembly does not have the *current* ERSI shape files sought in the Court’s order, it is possible that an agency or department in the Executive Branch either might have such files or might have sufficient information to produce such files.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan F. Bloom

cc: All counsel of record (via PACFile)