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The Honorable Reena Raggi
United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse
40 Foley Square
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The Honorable Gerard E. Lynch
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The Honorable Dora L. Irizarry
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *Favors v. Cuomo*, No. 1:11-cv-05632-DLI-RR-GEL (E.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judges Raggi, Lynch, and Irizarry:

We represent the Senate Majority Defendants—New York State Senators Dean G. Skelos and Michael F. Nozzolio, and LATFOR member Welquis R. Lopez. We write in accordance with the Court's Order to provide the Court with an update on the status of the redistricting process for the New York State Senate and Assembly districts.

On Sunday, March 11, LATFOR Co-Chairs Senator Nozzolio and Assemblyman John J. McEneny jointly introduced legislation reapportioning the New York State Senate and Assembly districts. *See* S. 6696 / A. 9525. On March 14, the Assembly and the Senate approved both bills. Both bills have been submitted to the Governor for signature. If enacted, the new Senate and Assembly districts in Bronx, New York, and Kings Counties will be submitted promptly for preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c.

We will provide additional status updates to the Court as instructed or warranted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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