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Via E-File

Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk of the Court Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

## Re: California v. Texas, No. 19-840; Texas v. California, No. 19-1019

Dear Mr. Harris,

On August 25, petitioners submitted letters to this Court to express their opinions about the topics addressed in Texas's reply brief. As these letters are not motions and do not request relief, it is unclear whether a response is necessary.

Regardless, petitioners' contentions are meritless. In its April 2 Order, the Court directed Texas "to file a reply brief limited to Question 2 presented by the petition for certiorari in No. 19-1019." That question is: "Whether the district court properly declared the ACA invalid in its entirety and unenforceable anywhere."

The first section of Texas's reply brief is titled: "The District Court Properly Declared the ACA's Major and Minor Provisions Invalid." It addresses whether the district court properly declared the ACA invalid in its entirety. Reply Br. II, 3-11. The second is titled: "The District Court Properly Declared the ACA Unenforceable Anywhere." It addresses whether the district court properly declared the ACA unenforceable anywhere. *Id.* at II, 12-19.

Nothing about Texas's reply is improper, and petitioners' opinions should be disregarded.

Regards,

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