### No. 21A248

#### IN THE

# Supreme Court of the United States

## BST HOLDINGS, LLC ET AL., Applicants

v.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, RESPONDENT

ON EMERGENCY APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF STAY FROM THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

To the Honorable Brett M. Kavanaugh, Associate Justice and Circuit Justice for the Sixth Circuit

## APPLICANTS' SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY APPLICATION

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF

In their Emergency Application for Writ of Stay, Applicants told the Court that, as of December 18, 2021, six different courts had issued seven different decisions examining the five Executive Branch COVID-19 vaccine mandates and found that the agencies charged with enforcing them did not possess the statutory or constitutional authority to do so. Emer. App. 3. Applicants file this Supplemental Brief to alert the Court that the correct figure is now eleven different decisions have found that the COVID-19 vaccine mandates announced by President Joe Biden on September 9, 2021 violate statutes or the constitution of the United States. See Kentucky v. Biden, No. 21-6147, 2022 U.S. App. LEXIS 267 (6th Cir. Jan. 5, 2022) (enjoining the federal contractor mandate), aff'g Kentucky v. Biden, No. 3:21-cv-00055-GFVT, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 228316 (E.D. Ky. Nov. 30, 2021); Georgia v. Biden, No. 21-14269 (11th Cir. Dec. 17, 2021) (same), aff'g Georgia v. Biden, No. 1:21-cv-00163, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 234032 (S.D. Ga. Dec. 7, 2021); Louisiana v. Becerra, No. 21-30734, 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 37035 (5th Cir. Dec. 15, 2021) (enjoining the healthcare workers mandate), aff'g Louisiana v. Becerra, No. 3:21-cv-03970-TAD-KDM, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 229949 (W.D. La. Nov. 30, 2021); Missouri v. Biden, No. 21-3725, Dkt. 5107268 at 1 (8th Cir. Dec. 13, 2021) (same), aff'g Missouri v. Biden, No. 4:21-cv-01329-MTS, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 227410 (E.D. Mo. Nov. 29, 2021); BST Holdings, L.L.C. v. OSHA, 17 F.4th 604, 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 33698, 2021 WL 5279381 (5th Cir. Nov. 12, 2021) (staying the OSHA mandate);<sup>1</sup> Louisiana v. Becerra, No. 3:21-CV-04370, 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1333 (W.D.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See also In re: MCP No. 165, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Interim Final Rule: Covid-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard 86 Fed. Reg. 61402,

La. Jan. 1, 2022) (enjoining the Head Start mandate); *Texas v. Becerra*, No. 5:21-CV-300-H, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 248309 (N.D. Tex. Dec. 31, 2021) (same). These courts consistently reach the same conclusions: the mandates are pretextual, invade state prerogatives, are issued without good cause to evade notice-and-comment rulemaking, and address a major question of national policy that properly belongs to Congress, not agencies operating under vague statutory authorities.

Only two courts have examined these mandates on the likelihood of success on the merits and declined to issue an injunction. *See In re: MCP No. 165, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Interim Final Rule: Covid-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard 86 Fed. Reg. 61402,* 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 37349 (6th Cir. Dec.17, 2021) (dissolving the 5th Circuit OSHA mandate stay); *Florida v. HHS*, No. 21-14098-JJ, 2021 U.S. App. LEXIS 35998 (11th Cir. Dec. 6, 2021) (healthcare workers mandate).<sup>2</sup> As things stand today, four of the five vaccine mandates are currently enjoined. The OSHA mandate is the last man standing. The Sixth Circuit broke with this extensive line of authority when it decided to vacate the Fifth Circuit's stay. This Court should correct that error by reinstating the stay of the OSHA vaccine mandate.

#### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reason and those set forth in the Application and Reply, this Court should grant the application for emergency relief and reinstate the stay of the OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard pending review on the merits.

<sup>2021</sup> U.S. App. LEXIS 37024 (6th Cir. Dec. 15, 2021) (denying initial hearing en banc) (Sutton, C. J., dissenting) (Bush, J., dissenting).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See also Florida v. HHS, No. 3:21cv2722-MCR-HTC, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 224264, at \*11 (N.D. Fla. Nov. 20, 2021) (declining to enjoin because of insufficient irreparable injury, without addressing the likelihood of success on the merits).

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