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April 13, 2026

The Honorable Scott Harris  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *John Stockton, et al. v. Nick Brown, Attorney General of Washington, et al.*  
U.S. Supreme Court Docket No. 25-606

Dear Mr. Harris:

This letter is submitted pursuant to Rule 15.8 to alert the Court of new developments that may bear on this Court's consideration of the Petition in this case. The docket does not show that the case has been distributed for conference, but the briefing on the cert petition is complete and the Court's next conference is April 17, 2026. To ensure that the Court has this information prior to any conference on the Petition, I am providing this information in a letter to the Court.

As this Court is aware from prior pleadings in this case, on April 1, 2026, the Washington Supreme Court denied review in a case called *Wilkinson v. Washington Medical Commission*, No. 1046740. In *Wilkinson*, the Washington Court of Appeals held that the First Amendment prohibited the Washington Medical Commission from sanctioning a physician based on false information published on his medical clinic's website regarding the prevention and treatment of COVID-19. *Wilkinson v. Wash. Med. Comm'n*, 576 P.3d 1191, 1214 (Wash. Ct. App. 2025), *review denied*, No. 104674-0, 2026 WL 893126 (Wash. Apr. 1, 2026). As a result of the Washington Supreme Court's denial of review, *Wilkinson* is now final.

Accordingly, on April 7, 2026, the Washington Medical Commission withdrew the Statements of Charges against Petitioners Richard Eggleston and Thomas Siler. The Commission's orders dismissing the proceedings against Drs. Eggleston and Siler are attached hereto as exhibits.

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Due to the Commission's dismissals, Petitioners' Claim II, seeking to enjoin ongoing Washington Medical Commission proceedings, is now moot. "A case becomes moot . . . 'when the issues presented are no longer "live" or the parties lack a legally cognizable interest in the outcome.'" *Already, LLC v. Nike, Inc.*, 568 U.S. 85, 91 (2013) (quoting *Murphy v. Hunt*, 455 U.S. 478, 481 (1982) (per curiam)). "Throughout the litigation, the party seeking relief must have suffered, or be threatened with, an actual injury traceable to the defendant and likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision." *United States v. Juvenile Male*, 564 U.S. 932, 936 (2011) (citation modified). Thus, if an intervening circumstance during the litigation addresses the plaintiff's alleged injury and deprives him of a personal stake in the lawsuit's outcome, the case is moot. *Moore v. Harper*, 600 U.S. 1, 14 (2023).

Petitioners Eggleston and Siler brought this suit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief to terminate the Commission's ongoing proceedings against them. Pet. App. 7a. They have now received that relief. Because they have now obtained the relief they sought, there is no further controversy for this Court to adjudicate. *See Knox v. Serv. Emps. Int'l Union, Local 1000*, 567 U.S. 298, 307 (2012) ("A case becomes moot only when it is impossible for a court to grant any effectual relief whatever to the prevailing party." (citation modified)). Incidentally, that Petitioners Eggleston and Siler received relief based on ongoing state proceedings demonstrates the wisdom of *Younger* and the district court's application of it here.

The dismissal of proceedings against Petitioners Eggleston and Siler likewise militates against this Court's review of Petitioners' Claim I, which seeks to halt "hypothetical" future Commission proceedings. Pet. App. 38a. The Ninth Circuit upheld dismissal of this claim because Petitioners did not allege any concrete injury stemming from future proceedings that may or may not ever happen and could not articulate a ripe claim against possible future action. Pet. App. 27a-42a. In light of *Wilkinson's* finality, and the Commission's decision to dismiss the Eggleston and Siler proceedings, Petitioners' fears of future, similar proceedings are even more far-fetched. The Commission has demonstrated that it intends to follow the law as articulated by the Washington Court of Appeals in *Wilkinson*, and so this Court's review is not necessary.

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I would appreciate if you could circulate this letter so that the Court will be aware of this new information when it considers the petition.

Sincerely,

*s/Peter B. Gonick*  
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attachments  
cc: Counsel of Record

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the License to Practice  
as a Physician and Surgeon of

**THOMAS T. SILER, MD**  
License No. MD.MD.00032591.

Respondent.

**No. M2022-366**

**NOTICE AND ORDER  
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF  
STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

**1. FACTS**

1.1 On or about October 26, 2023, the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) served a Statement of Charges against Respondent.

1.2 On or about December 22, 2023, Respondent filed an answer to the Statement of Charges with the Adjudicative Clerk Office.

1.3 Based on further review of the matter, the Executive Director, through the Office of the Attorney General, requests withdrawal of the Statement of Charges.

DATED: April 7, 2026.



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## 2. ORDER

2.1 Based on the Foregoing, the Commission hereby ORDERS that the Statement of Charges is WITHDRAWN.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ April 7 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION

*Christine Blake*

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PANEL CHAIR

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the License to Practice  
as a Physician and Surgeon of

**RICHARD J. EGGLESTON, MD**  
License No. MD.MD.00014109

Respondent.

**No. M2022-204**

**NOTICE AND ORDER  
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF  
STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

**1. FACTS**

1.1 On or about August 4, 2022, the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) served a Statement of Charges against Respondent.

1.2 On or about March 22, 2023, Respondent filed an answer to the Statement of Charges with the Adjudicative Clerk Office.

1.3 Based on further review of the matter, the Executive Director, through the Office of the Attorney General, requests withdrawal of the Statement of Charges.

DATED: April 7, 2026.



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