



May 1, 2026

VIA E-FILING

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

Re: Callais v. Louisiana, No. 25A1197

Dear Mr. Harris,

I write to inform the Court that on the evening of Thursday, April 30, 2026, a lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana by Lindsay Garcia, a qualified voter and a candidate in the Democratic Party for the 5th Congressional District, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and Eugene Collins, a qualified voter, against Louisiana state officers. *See* Attachment 1 at 1, ECF 1, No. 3:26-cv-00471-SDD-RLB (M.D. La.). It seeks emergency relief.

Among other relief, these plaintiffs seek a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction, a permanent injunction, and a declaratory judgment requiring these state officers to “proceed with the May 16, 2026 federal congressional primary and the June 27, 2026 federal congressional second primary under the existing election calendar and the existing congressional districts pending entry of a remedial plan by the Western District of Louisiana on remand from *Callais*” and “count every absentee ballot already cast” under the SB8 map invalidated by this Court in *Louisiana v. Callais*, 608 U.S. ___ (2026). Attachment 1 at 3; *see also* Attachment 2 at 5, ECF 3, No. 3:26-cv-00471-SDD-RLB (M.D. La.) (seeking an order ensuring that the districts challenged by the *Callais* Appellees be used in the 2026 congressional primary).

These plaintiffs seek to empanel a new three-judge panel because the action is “connected to the apportionment of Louisiana’s congressional districts and the conduct of federal elections under that apportionment”—notwithstanding the existing three-judge panel in the District Court for the Western District of Louisiana and its jurisdiction to remedy SB8’s unlawful congressional apportionment. *Id.* at 4.

In support of their request for relief before a new three-judge panel, these plaintiffs rely on the fact that the certified judgment of *Louisiana v. Callais*, 608 U.S. ___ (2026), has yet to be transmitted to the Western District of Louisiana. *Id.* at 15 (“Until the certified judgment is transmitted under Rule 45.3, the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana has no jurisdiction on remand to commence any remedial proceeding, no power to receive any draft remedial map from the Louisiana Legislature, and no authority to supervise the implementation of any new congressional districts. The congressional districts in effect on April 28, 2026, remain the only operative districts under which a federal congressional election in Louisiana can lawfully be conducted.”); *see also* Attachment 2 at 3 (providing supplemental authority to Middle District of Louisiana and arguing that “Rule 45.3 transmission has not occurred” to the Western District of Louisiana).

The Callais Appellees have also notified the existing three-judge District Court for the Western District of Louisiana of this development. *See* Attachment 3, ECF 263, No. 3:24-cv-00122-DCJ-CES-RRS (W.D. La.) (excluding four exhibits).

I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide this letter to the Court.



Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment 1, ECF 1, No. 3:26-cv-00471-SDD-RLB (M.D. La.)

Attachment 2, ECF 2, No. 3:26-cv-00471-SDD-RLB (M.D. La.)

Attachment 3, ECF 263, No. 3:24-cv-00122-DCJ-CES-RRS (W.D. La.)