IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Senate :

Intergovernmental Operations

Committee,

Petitioner

v. : No. 95 M.D. 2022

Pennsylvania Department of State and Leigh Chapman, in her capacity as Acting Secretary of the

Commonwealth,

Respondents:

ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of July, 2022, following a hearing on the application for leave to intervene filed by Roberta Winters, Nichita Sandru, Kathy Foster-Sandru, Robin Roberts, Kierstyn Zolfo, Michael Zolfo, Ben Bowens, The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, Common Cause Pennsylvania and Make the Road Pennsylvania (collectively, Voter-Intervenors), the application is GRANTED.

The Prothonotary is directed to docket Voter-Intervenors' answer and new matter to Petitioner's petition for review. Voter-Intervenors' cross-petition for review in the nature of a complaint in equity and for declaratory judgment is stricken as violative of the pending action doctrine because the cause of action and the relief are the same in both actions. *Cf. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Senator Cris Dush* (Pa. Cmwlth., No. 322 M.D. 2021).

Mary Hannah Leavitt, President Judge Emerita