

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

Shawon Bernard, League of Women Voters of
Louisiana, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Nancy Landry, in her official capacity as
Secretary of State of Louisiana,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:26-cv-487

DECLARATION OF PHYLLIS V. MERCADEL

I, Phyllis V. Mercadel, declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:

1. My name is Phyllis V. Mercadel. I am over 18 years of age and competent to make this declaration.
2. I am a U.S. citizen and a resident of Orleans Parish, Louisiana.
3. I am Black.
4. I am lawfully registered to vote in Congressional District 2.
5. I am a registered Democrat.
6. I vote absentee by mail because I am over the age of 65 and have limited mobility.
7. I received a ballot to vote in the May 16, 2026 elections and returned my ballot by mail in April. I have confirmation that my ballot was received by my registrar of voters on April 19, 2026, as recorded in the Voter Portal.
8. I voted in the congressional primary race, along with other races and constitutional amendments on my ballot.

9. It is my understanding that my vote in the congressional race will not be counted if the Governor's Executive Order suspending the closed party primaries for the congressional elections stands.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: May 3, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phyllis V. Mercadel", is written over a horizontal line.

Phyllis V. Mercadel