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Hon. Denny Hoskins  
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Dear Secretary Hoskins:

As you are aware, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued a decision in *Maggard v. State of Missouri* (SC1015891) on May 12, 2026. In light of that decision, this letter is to notify you that, as the Local Election Authority in Boone County, I will not be redrawing districts until your office issues a determination on the sufficiency of the referendum petition filed with your office on December 9, 2025.

The Supreme Court's decision is abundantly clear that:

Because the secretary's certification process under chapter 116 is ongoing and has not been finally determined, it is impossible to say as of this opinion whether the December 9 referendum petition filing was "legal, sufficient, and timely" and, therefore, whether HB1 when into effect on December 11 or whether HB1 was referred to the people as of December 9 and can only go into effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon. (p. 16)

As a result, I am caught in the untenable position of trying to predict when and how you will issue a determination about the sufficiency of the petition. Until that time, I have no actionable legal information as to what congressional district map is in effect so I will not be making any changes to the map that was in place prior to the enactment of HB1.

I know you can appreciate that time is of the essence. The certification deadline for the August 4, 2026 primary is May 26<sup>th</sup> and absentee voting for military voters begins on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Delaying your decision compromises both the administration and integrity of the election and, worse, breeds public distrust in the process. I implore you to resolve this legal confusion and, in the meantime, I will continue to uphold my statutory duty to the citizens of Boone County.

Sincerely,

Brianna L. Lennon  
Boone County Clerk