

Exhibit 26

**DECLARATION OF SEAN PATRICK MALONEY IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration, and can competently testify to their truth.

2. I currently represent New York's 18th Congressional District in the United States Congress. I am running for re-election in 2022.

3. I am also Chairman of DCCC d/b/a the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. In that role, I often speak with other congressional candidates about their campaign plans.

4. In early February, soon after the New York Legislature and Governor finalized a new congressional plan for the state (the "2022 Congressional Plan"), I began campaigning in earnest to seek the Democratic nomination for New York's 18th Congressional District.

5. My colleagues from New York seeking re-election, as well as other candidates from around the state, began campaigning in their respective districts around the same time or shortly thereafter.

6. Under the 2022 Congressional Plan, my district gained new communities, including in the eastern and northern portions of Dutchess County and the western portions of Westchester County along the Hudson River, such as Peekskill, Crugers, and Montrose. I have spent the past few months campaigning in these areas and meeting with voters who live there.

7. Over the past few months, I have also closely followed the case challenging New York's congressional districts. At the beginning of March, the Steuben County Supreme Court assured voters and candidates that it would not be possible to implement a different congressional plan for the 2022 elections. I relied on that assertion, as did my fellow congressional candidates in

the state.

8. The first day for gathering designating petitions from voters was March 1. Beginning on that date and over the next several weeks, I gathered signatures from voters who resided in my district under the 2022 Congressional Plan, as I was required to do under New York law. I turned in those designating petitions by April 7, the deadline to do so.

9. Like all the other congressional candidates in New York, I have already invested significant resources into campaigning and qualifying for the ballot in my district in the 2022 Congressional Plan.

10. Should the congressional plan change at this late date, I, along with my fellow congressional candidates, would need to expend additional resources to start the ballot qualification and campaigning process over again, but on an extremely compressed timeline in front of a new audience of voters.

11. In the days since the Court of Appeals issued its opinion on New York's congressional plan, I have heard from voters and candidates alike who are confused at what this means for New York's elections this year. Candidates do not know whether to campaign, and voters no longer know who their candidates are.

12. I believe it is in the public interest for New York to hold its 2022 elections under the plan that voters and candidates have relied upon for the past three months and not change course at this late date.

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

Executed on this 2nd day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Patrick Maloney', written over a horizontal line.

Sean Patrick Maloney