

# EXHIBIT

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Joe Straus

October 24, 2011

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

STATE OF TEXAS,  
Plaintiff,

VS.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND ERIC H. HOLDER, JR.,  
IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY  
AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF  
THE UNITED STATES,  
Defendants,

WENDY DAVIS, ET AL,  
Defendant-Intervenors,

MEXICAN AMERICAN  
LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS,  
Defendant-Intervenors,

GREG GONZALES, ET AL,  
Defendant-Intervenors,

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE BLACK  
CAUCUS,  
Defendant-Intervenors,

TEXAS LATINO REDISTRICTING  
TASK FORCE,  
Defendant-Intervenor,

TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE OF  
NAACP BRANCHES, ET AL,  
Defendant-Intervenors,

CIVIL ACTION NO.  
1:11-EV-1303  
(RMC-TBG-BAH)  
THREE-JUDGE COURT

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ORAL DEPOSITION OF TEXAS HOUSE SPEAKER JOE STRAUS III

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1           ANSWERS AND DEPOSITION OF JOE STRAUS III, produced  
2           as a witness at the instance of the Defendant, taken in  
3           the above-styled and numbered cause on the 24th day of  
4           October, 2011, beginning at 1:00 p.m., before Geneva G.  
5           Garcia, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in and for the  
6           State of Texas, at the offices of the U.S. Attorney's  
7           Office, located at 601 Northwest Loop 410, Suite 600,  
8           San Antonio, Texas, in accordance with the Federal  
9           Rules of Civil Procedure and the agreements hereinafter  
10          set forth.



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