

## **COURT OF APPEALS**

## THIRD DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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March 29, 2022

Mr. Patrick K. Sweeten
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RE: Court of Appeals Number: 03-21-00679-CV

Trial Court Case Number: D-1-GN-21-006515

Style: Greg Abbott, in his Official Capacity as Governor of the State of Texas, and John Scott,

in his Official Capacity as Secretary of State of Texas

v. Mexican American Legislative Caucus, Roland Gutierrez, Sarah Eckhardt, Ruben

Cortez, and The Tejano Democrats

Dear Mr. Sweeten:

On December 27, 2021, we received a notice of appeal from trial court cause number D-1-GN-21-0006515 and filed it under our cause number 03-21-00679-CV. It appears, however, that the matter was meant to be a direct appeal filed in the Texas Supreme Court, not this Court, and indeed, it appears that a notice of appeal was filed in the Texas Supreme Court on January 5, 2022, under cause number 22-0008. See Tex. Gov't Code § 22A.001. Appellants are therefore directed to file, no later than **April 8, 2022**, either a motion to dismiss or an explanation of how we may exercise jurisdiction over the case.

Very truly yours,

JEFFREY D. KYLE, CLERK

BY: Courtland Crocker

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The Honorable Velva L. Price