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RE: Case Number: 22-0008
Court of Appeals Number:
Trial Court Number: D-1-GN-21-006515

Style: GREG ABBOTT, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS; JOHN SCOTT, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE OF TEXAS; THE STATE OF TEXAS
v.
MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS, TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; ROLAND GUTIERREZ; SARAH ECKHARDT; RUEBEN CORTEZ, JR.; TEJANO DEMOCRATS

Dear Counsel:

The Supreme Court of Texas requests that the parties file supplemental briefs addressing the following questions:

1. Is the State of Texas a proper defendant to a claim seeking a declaratory judgment that H.B. 1 and S.B. 4 violate Article III, Section 28 of the Texas Constitution and that H.B. 1 violates Article III, Section 26 of the Texas Constitution? Stated another way, are any plaintiff's alleged injuries "traceable" to the "State's" conduct (as opposed to a particular official's or agency's conduct) and redressable by an order that may be directed against the "State" (as opposed to a particular official or agency), as required to establish that plaintiff's standing?

2. If the answer to the first question is no, is the defect curable; and if so, how?

The supplemental briefs are due no later than **5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2022.**



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake A. Hawthorne".

Blake A. Hawthorne, Clerk

by Claudia Jenks, Chief Deputy Clerk

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