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Honorable
Supreme Court, Albany County

Re: Little, et al. v. New York State Legislative
Task Force on Demographic Research
and Reapportionment and NYS
Department of Correctional Services

Your Honor:

The undersigned are the co-chairpersons of The New York State Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment ("LATFOR"), a defendant herein. LATFOR is the entity responsible for developing redistricting plans for the New York State.

The instant action seeks, *inter alia*, a declaration of unconstitutionality of Section XX of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2010, regarding the counting of incarcerated persons for redistricting purposes. We understand that the Attorney General will be appearing, or has already appeared, in this case.

At this time, LATFOR does not intend to make a formal submission to the Court. We are satisfied that counsel who will appear for co-Respondent Department of Correctional Services can adequately address the merits of the case. However, we write to impress upon the Court of the importance to LATFOR that the case proceed to judgment without delay.

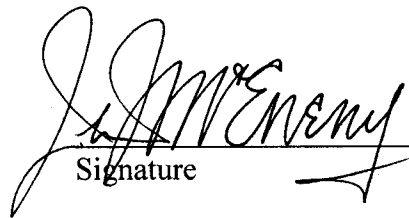
LATFOR is tasked with developing proposals for three different sets of districting plans: the New York State Assembly, the New York State Senate, and the Congressional districts for the New York State delegation. This is a massive undertaking, delicate in its execution and requires input from, and agreement of, various different constituencies, including pre-clearance from the United State Department of Justice.

LATFOR has begun the redistricting process and needs to know how to apportion the prison population now, while the districts are being crafted. To implement lines and have them later overturned, if such a statutory challenge were successful, would wreak havoc with the political process in New York and would be prejudicial to the State, candidates and voters alike. We believe that the best interests of all would be served by avoiding the uncertainty imposed by a challenge waiting in the wings.

For these reasons, LATFOR most respectfully urges the Court to proceed with this action in a manner designed to result in a prompt resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Signature Date

 11th May 2011
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