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**In the  
Supreme Court of the United States**

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STATE OF MISSOURI,  
*Applicant,*

v.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*Respondent.*

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**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION**

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The State of Missouri moves, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 21, for expedited consideration of the motion for preliminary relief, filed today, which accompanies an original action asking this Court to stay the State of New York’s gag order and impending criminal sentence against Donald Trump until after the November 2024 Presidential election.

This case arises out of New York’s actions to impede the ability of Presidential electors and everyday citizens to fully engage in one of the most important national questions—who should be elected President. By interfering just months before the election, New York is attempting to set a dangerous new precedent that will encourage prosecutors of all political stripes in the future to harass political candidates they disfavor. Think how absurd it would have been for “some clever state or county prosecutor in Charleston, South Carolina,” to have brought charges against Abraham Lincoln right before the 1860 election. *Cf. Amar, On Prosecuting*

*Presidents*, 27 Hofstra L. Rev. 671, 674 (1999). And think how absurd it will be if in future election cycles any of the thousands of elected prosecutors follow New York's disastrous precedent set here.

Indeed, as even New York's former Governor and Attorney General openly acknowledged two weeks ago,<sup>1</sup> New York's prosecution of the presumptive Republican nominee is a transparent attempt to prevent the candidate disfavored by New York from freely campaigning. That threatens both the sovereign rights of Missouri and the constitutional rights of millions of its citizens. Absent appropriate relief, both the State of Missouri, through its presidential electors, and millions of Missourians will be prohibited from fully engaging in the Presidential election. For example, the still-in-place gag order limits the political speech Trump can say on the campaign trail. That gag order is scheduled to stay in place at least until mid-September. And the impending sentence carries a steep risk of impeding Trump's ability to speak and travel. Every day these impediments are in place or threatened, Americans of all political stripes are deprived of a Presidential campaign free from New York's coercive constraints.

Expedited consideration is needed to prevent further irreparable harm. Missouri respectfully requests that the Court order New York to respond earlier than ordinarily called for by this Court's rules given the ongoing harm from the gag order and imminent harm threatened by the impending sentence.

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<sup>1</sup> Nazzaro, *Cuomo: Trump NY Hush Money Case 'Should Have Never Been Brought'*, The Hill (June 22, 2024), <https://thehill.com/regulation/court-battles/4734858-andrew-cuomo-donald-trump-alvin-bragg-hush-money-case-new-york>.

Relief here would be an especially appropriate and efficient way to ensure Missouri citizens and electors are able to fully participate in the election process by listening to the public statements of both Presidential candidates free from the coercive constraints imposed by New York. After all, as this Court has long recognized, “it is only through the free debate and free exchange of ideas that government remains responsive to the will of the people.” *Terminiello v. City of Chicago*, 337 U.S. 1, 4 (1949). Accordingly, Missouri respectfully requests expedited consideration.

Attached to this motion are several affidavits, which are described in the body of the argument below.

### **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

As detailed at length in Missouri’s proposed bill of complaint, the State of New York has attempted to use its state prosecutors to hinder the presumptive Republican Presidential nominee’s campaign just months before the election. *See* Mo. Bill of Compl. ¶¶ 3–5. The charges, brought by a prosecutor who campaigned on promising to prosecute Donald Trump, have been highly panned across the political spectrum as “a disaster,” “a setback for the rule of law,” and “a dangerous precedent.” *See id.*, ¶ 17. New York never informed Donald Trump before trial of the specific law he was accused of violating, and the New York court instructed the jury that it need not even agree on the specific unlawful acts Trump was accused of committing. *Id.*, ¶ 24. What’s more, serious due process concerns pervaded the trial: not only did the judge overseeing the trial previously donate money to both President Biden and a group

called “Stop Republicans,” but the President of the United States even sponsored a press conference on the courthouse steps demanding the jury convict Trump. *Id.*, ¶¶ 18, 25–26.

Trump is thus very likely to prevail on appeal, but in the interim, millions across America will be harmed. Missouri’s citizens and 10 electors have a very strong interest in hearing Trump’s campaign speech, free from coercive constraints imposed on him by New York. There is no reason the gag order and impending sentence cannot be stayed. But unless this Court expedites consideration of the original action and related motions, the harm faced by millions of Americans will continue.

### **ARGUMENT**

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1251(a), Missouri has moved for leave to file a bill of complaint and for preliminary relief. As set forth in the bill of complaint and motion for preliminary relief, New York’s actions have caused serious, ongoing harms to Missouri’s sovereign rights and the rights of millions of Missourians.

Expedited consideration is warranted by the seriousness of the issues raised, not only for process of the 2024 Presidential election but also for the harmful precedent New York’s actions, if allowed to stand, would present for our system of democracy.

What’s more, Missouri has submitted evidence establishing that these ongoing harms to Missouri and its sovereign interest are concrete and particularized. Attached to this motion are sworn affidavits from individuals selected to be electors by the Missouri Republican Party, expressing their interest in being able to hear

Donald Trump's campaign and his statements free from the coercive constraints imposed by New York. *See* Ex. H, I, J. The effects of New York's efforts to impede the campaign of one of the two major-party candidates are not limited to New York, but rather restrict information across the country. This directly harms Missouri's sovereign interest in ensuring that its electors have all information necessary to make their reasoned decision on whom to elect President.

Missouri has also established that the ongoing harms to its citizens' First Amendment rights are concrete and particularized. As stated in the Bill of Complaint, Missouri has learned that the Trump campaign has scheduled events in Missouri and would like to schedule more. Not only does the current gag order limit what Trump could say to Missouri voters, but Missouri understands that the Trump campaign is finding it difficult to schedule more events in Missouri because of the serious risk that the impending sentence will limit travel. In other words, New York's actions have directly restricted the right of Missourians under the First Amendment to "receive information and ideas" from Donald Trump as he campaigns for President. *Va. State Bd. of Pharmacy v. Va. Citizens Consumer Council, Inc.*, 425 U.S. 748, 756 (1976) (quoting *Kleindienst v. Mandel*, 408 U.S. 753, 762 (1972)).

Similarly, six affidavits are attached discussing the interest of everyday Missouri voters who are interested in hearing Trump speak in Missouri and are specifically interested in hearing Trump freely speak about the New York trial and Trump's views about the illicit motives of individuals involved. *See* Ex. A–F. And a seventh affidavit is attached discussing outreach of individual Missourians to the

Missouri Attorney General's Office. Those individuals express that they would like to hear Trump's campaign free from the coercive constraints imposed on it by New York through charges related to a bookkeeping law that has never been enforced before in this manner. *See* Ex. K.

Under the ordinary briefing schedule, New York would not need to respond for 60 days. S.Ct. Rule 17.5. In this case, however, the ordinary briefing schedule would lead only to even greater harm to the elections process. As Missouri details at length in its motion for preliminary relief, the ongoing harm to its electors and citizens increases every day in which their rights to listen to candidates from both major political parties and engage in the political process are violated. These harms are magnified even further by New York's decision to impose these constraints at the height of the election season. The ordinary 60-day schedule would permit the gag order to stay in place for at least 60 more days, further harming Missourians. Accordingly, this Court should adopt an expedited briefing schedule, which will allow the Court to avoid the "unquestionabl[e] ... irreparable injury" that arises from "[t]he loss of First Amendment freedoms," *Elrod v. Burns*, 427 U.S. 347, 373 (1976), and from the "informational injury" that occurs when individuals are deprived of information that "would help them ... to evaluate candidates for public office," *Fed. Election Comm'n. v. Akins*, 524 U.S. 11, 21–25 (1998). As this Court has long recognized, the risks of harms to the elections process are even further pronounced "[a]s an election draws close[ ]." *Purcell v. Gonzalez*, 549 U.S. 1, 5 (2006).

Missouri proposes that the Court enter a prompt scheduling order. *See* S.Ct. Rule 17.2 (adopting Federal Rules of Civil Procedure).

**CONCLUSION**

Missouri respectfully requests that the Court expedite consideration of its preliminary injunction motion.

July 3, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER BRUNDICK**

I, Christopher Brundick, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience

2. I am a Missouri resident and a registered voter.

3. I intend to vote in the 2024 presidential election.

4. I take measures to be an informed voter and have been following the 2024 election closely.

5. I believe live political rallies at which candidates make personal appearances are the best way for me to get to know a candidate. Attending live campaign rallies helps me decide how to cast my vote. I hoped to attend a Trump rally in Missouri during the 2024 election cycle.

6. Because of all the media attention about Trump and his trials, it is important to me to hear directly from the former president. Hearing Mr. Trump's perspective on what happened at his trial, how he was treated by the system, and why I should still vote for him is very important to me. I want to hear his side of the story about the judge, prosecutor, and witnesses against him. I am afraid that the current gag order will prevent him from telling me his side of the story. I am worried that if the gag order is not lifted I will not get to hear him speak before it is time for me to vote.

7. I am worried that if Trump is sentenced to prison or put on probation he will not be permitted to travel to Missouri to hold campaign events. It is important to me as a voter to be able to attend political events and rallies for candidates, especially for major party candidates running for President of the United States. I believe the best way for me to decide how to cast my vote is to hear directly from political candidates at live rallies.

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed: Christopher Burchick



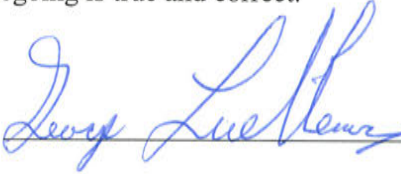
**DECLARATION OF GEORGE LUEBBERING**

I, George Luebbering, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience
2. I am a Missouri resident and a registered voter.
3. I intend to vote in the 2024 presidential election.
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I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_



**DECLARATION OF MARK LIENEKE**

I, Mark Lieneke, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience

2. I am a Missouri resident and a registered voter.

3. I intend to vote in the 2024 presidential election.

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I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed: 





**DECLARATION OF PATRICK FICK**

I, Patrick Fick, declare as follows:

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2. I am a Missouri resident and a registered voter.
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I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DECLARATION OF PATRICK KLIETHERMES**

I, Patrick Kliethermes, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience
2. I am a Missouri resident and a registered voter.
3. I intend to vote in the 2024 presidential election.
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Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_



**DECLARATION OF ROBIN LIENEKE**

I, Robin Lieneke, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience

2. I am a Missouri resident and a registered voter.

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Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed: Robin L. Lomake

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**DECLARATION OF DEAN BROOKSHIER**

I, DEAN BROOKSHIER, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience.

2. I have been chosen by the Missouri Republican Party to be an elector in the Electoral College for the State of Missouri pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.399.2 for the 2024 presidential election.

3. In Missouri, presidential electors are chosen from each congressional district plus two from the state at large. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 128.010. I have been chosen by the Republican Party to be an elector for the 6th congressional district.

4. In Missouri, “a vote for any candidate for president and vice president shall be a vote for their electors.” Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.243. Electors are then charged with casting their vote for president and vice president at the appointed place and time.

5. If the people of Missouri vote for Trump this November, I will become an official elector.

6. I take my prospective appointment as an elector seriously. In order to faithfully carry out my duties, I take steps now to be well informed about the policies, positions and character of the candidates.

7. In addition to reading, watching and listening to various news coverage about presidential candidates, I attend live political rallies and events whenever possible.

8. I believe live political rallies at which candidates make personal appearances are the best way to get to know them. I plan to attend as many Missouri Trump rallies as possible during the 2024 election cycle.

9. Because I may be called upon to cast my electoral vote for Mr. Trump, it is important to me to hear directly from him.

10. I am especially interested in hearing Mr. Trump's perspective on what happened at his trial, how he was treated by the system, and why Missourians should vote for him. I am concerned that the current gag order will prevent me, and my fellow Missourians, from fully hearing his side of the story.

11. I am also concerned that if Mr. Trump is sentenced to prison or put on probation he will not be permitted to freely travel to Missouri to hold campaign events. It is important to me as an elector to attend political events and rallies for presidential candidates. Not having the ability to hear directly from a presidential candidate will prevent me from fully and faithfully engaging in my duties as an elector for the people of the state of Missouri.

12. I am similarly concerned that a sentence would prevent Mr. Trump from freely traveling to other states to hold campaign events. Whenever possible, I follow news and social media coverage of campaign events in other states.

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed: /s/ Dean Brookshier



**DECLARATION OF THOMAS J. SALISBURY**

I, Thomas J. Salisbury, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience.

2. I have been chosen by the Missouri Republican Party to be an elector in the Electoral College for the State of Missouri pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.399.2 for the 2024 presidential election.

3. In Missouri, presidential electors are chosen from each congressional district plus two from the state at large. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 128.010. I have been chosen by the Republican Party to be an elector for the 5th congressional district.

4. In Missouri, “a vote for any candidate for president and vice president shall be a vote for their electors.” Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.243. Electors are then charged with casting their vote for president and vice president at the appointed place and time.

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Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed: /s/ Thomas J. Salisbury



**DECLARATION OF William Dane Roaseau**

I, William Dane Roaseau, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years old and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience.
2. I have been chosen by the Missouri Republican Party to be an elector in the Electoral College for the State of Missouri pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.399.2 for the 2024 presidential election.
3. In Missouri, presidential electors are chosen from each congressional district plus two from the state at large. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 128.010. I have been chosen by the Republican Party to be an elector for the 7th congressional district.
4. In Missouri, “a vote for any candidate for president and vice president shall be a vote for their electors.” Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.243. Electors are then charged with casting their vote for president and vice president at the appointed place and time.
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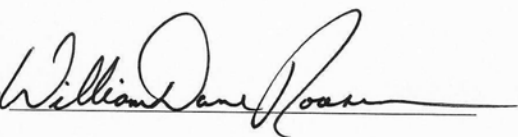
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I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 25, 2024

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Dan Roan", written over a horizontal line.



**DECLARATION OF COOPER CHILDERS**

I, Cooper Childers, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age and make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and experience.
2. I am the Director of Constituent Services for the Missouri Attorney General's Office. I have served in that role since November of 2023.
3. In my position as Director of Constituent Services, I lead our Constituent Services team whose main responsibility is to communicate with the citizens of Missouri on behalf of the Office. This includes corresponding via telephone, email, and physical mail. The subject matter of these messages ranges considerably from day-to-day individual issues to larger policy related correspondence. I oversee, and am personally involved in, receiving, reviewing, and responding to thousands of communications from Missouri constituents per year.
4. Part of my job as Director of Constituent Services is to gather and synthesize topical subject matters that are important to Missouri citizens, on behalf of the Office. Understanding what subject matters and issues are important to Missourians is critical for the Office to formulate policies and messaging that will address the actual concerns expressed by Missouri constituents. This information is gathered from a variety of sources such as mail, email, and phone calls to the Office.
5. The Office has received over 75 contacts from Missouri citizens who have expressed their concerns about the upcoming federal election for President of the United States. Many of these concerns center on the willful efforts by officials in other states to impede the candidacy of former President Donald Trump, including what is viewed as the malicious prosecution of Mr. Trump by the State of New York.

6. Many of these Missouri citizens have reached out to the Missouri Attorney General's Office to request that official steps be taken to counter the unethical actions being taken in New York and elsewhere that threaten to significantly hinder their ability to engage in our country's democratic process. Furthermore, they express concerns that actions in one state should not be allowed to impact the vote in another state like Missouri.

7. The Missouri Attorney General is the chief legal officer for the state and has a responsibility to represent the state of Missouri and to take legal action on matters of concern to Missouri citizens.

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 26, 2024

Signed: /s/ Cooper Childers