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14	argument before the Supreme Court of the United
15	States at 10:08 a.m.
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Τ	PROCEEDINGS
2	(10:08 a.m.)
3	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: We'll hear argument
4	this morning in Case 23-719, Trump versus Anderson.
5	Mr. Mitchell.
6	ORAL ARGUMENT OF JONATHAN F. MITCHELL
7	ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER
8	MR. MITCHELL: Mr. Chief Justice, and may
9	it please the Court:
10	The Colorado Supreme Court held that
11	President Donald J. Trump is constitutionally
12	disqualified from serving as president under
13	Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Colorado
14	Supreme Court's decision is wrong and should be
15	reversed for numerous independent reasons.
16	The first reason is that President Trump is
17	not covered by Section 3 because the president is not
18	"an officer of the United States" as that term is
19	used throughout the Constitution. "Officer of the
20	United States" refers only to appointed officials,
21	and it does not encompass elected individuals, such
22	as the President or members of Congress. This is
23	clear from the Commissions Clause, the Impeachment
24	Clause, and the Appointments Clause, each of which
25	uses "officers of the United States" to refer only to

Τ	appointed and not elected officials.
2	The second reason is that Section 3 cannot
3	be used to exclude a presidential candidate from the
4	ballot even if that candidate is disqualified from
5	serving as president under Section 3 because Congress
6	can lift that disability after the candidate is
7	elected but before he takes office. A state cannot
8	exclude any candidate for federal office from the
9	ballot on account of Section 3, and any state that
10	does so is violating the holding of Term Limits by
11	altering the Constitution's qualifications for
12	federal office.
13	The Colorado Supreme Court's decision is no
14	different from a state residency law that requires
15	members of Congress to inhabit the state prior to
16	Election Day, when the Constitution requires only
17	that members of Congress inhabit the state that they
18	represent when elected.
19	In both situations, a state is accelerating
20	the deadline to meet a constitutionally imposed
21	qualification and is thereby violating the holding of
22	Term Limits. And in this situation, a ruling from
23	this Court that affirms the decision below would not
24	only violate Term Limits but take away the votes of
25	potentially tens of millions of Americans.

1	I welcome the court's questions.
2	JUSTICE THOMAS: Mr. Mitchell, would you
3	you didn't spend much time on your argument with
4	respect to whether or not Section 3 is
5	self-executing, so would you address that?
6	And and in doing that, your argument is
7	that it's not self-executing, but then, in that case,
8	what would the role of the state be, or is it
9	entirely up to Congress to implement the
LO	disqualification in Section 3?
L1	MR. MITCHELL: It is entirely up to
L2	Congress, Justice Thomas. And our argument goes
L3	beyond actually saying that Section 3 is
L4	non-self-executing. We need to say something more
L5	than that because a non-self-executing treaty or a
L6	non-self-executing constitutional provision normally
L7	can still be enforced by a state if it chooses to
L8	enact legislation.
L9	The holding of Griffin's Case goes beyond
20	even that by saying that a state is not allowed to
21	implement or enforce Section 3 of the Fourteenth
22	Amendment unless and until Congress enacts
23	implementing legislation allowing it to do so. So,
24	under Griffin's Case, which we believe is correctly
25	decided the Anderson litigants disagree with us or

1	that point but, if this Court were to adhere to
2	the holding of Griffin's Case, there would not be any
3	role for the states in enforcing Section 3 unless
4	Congress were to enact a statute that gives them that
5	authority.
6	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Counsel, what if
7	somebody came into a state secretary of state's
8	office and said, I took the oath specified in Section
9	3, I participated in an insurrection, and I want to
10	be on the ballot? Can the does the secretary of
11	state have the authority in that situation to say,
12	no, you're disqualified?
13	MR. MITCHELL: No, the secretary of state
14	could not do that, consistent with Term Limits,
15	because even if the candidate is an admitted
16	insurrectionist, Section 3 still allows the candidate
17	to run for office and even win election to office and
18	then see whether Congress lifts that disability after
19	the election.
20	This happened frequently in the wake of the
21	Fourteenth Amendment, where Confederate
22	insurrectionists were elected to Congress, and
23	sometimes they obtained a waiver; sometimes they did
24	not. And each House would determine for itself
25	whether to seat that elected insurrectionist because

1	each House is the sole judge of the qualifications of
2	its members.
3	So, if a state banned even an admitted
4	insurrectionist from the ballot, it would be adding
5	to and altering the Constitution's qualifications for
6	office because, under Section 3, the candidate need
7	only qualify during the time the candidate holds the
8	office to which he's been elected. And under Your
9	Honor's hypothetical, the secretary of state would be
10	demanding essentially that the candidate obtain a
11	waiver from Congress earlier than the candidate needs
12	to obtain that waiver.
13	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, even though
14	it's pretty unlikely or at least would be difficult
15	for an individual who says, you know, I I am an
16	insurrectionist and I had taken the oath, that would
17	require a two-thirds of votes in Congress, right?
18	MR. MITCHELL: Correct.
19	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, that's a
20	pretty unlikely scenario.
21	MR. MITCHELL: It may be unlikely, but no
22	secretary of state is permitted to predict the
23	likelihood of a waiver because, in doing so, they're
24	adding a new qualification to the ability to run for
25	Congress.

Τ	And the proper analogy, Mr. Chief Justice,
2	is to state residency laws because the Constitution
3	says that a member of Congress must inhabit the state
4	that he represents when elected. And the lower
5	courts have all held, in reliance on Term Limits,
6	that a state election official cannot move that
7	deadline any earlier by requiring the candidate for
8	Congress to inhabit the state
9	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: So even if somebody
10	- -
11	MR. MITCHELL: before the date of
12	election.
13	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: comes in and
14	says, I'm I'm a a resident of to the
15	secretary of state's office in Illinois and says, I'm
16	a a resident of Indiana, I have been all my life,
17	I want to run for office in Illinois, the secretary
18	of state can't say, no, you can't?
19	MR. MITCHELL: Well, the question would be
20	is that person going to inhabit the state when the
21	election is held. So, if the candidate makes clear,
22	perhaps through a sworn declaration or through his
23	own statements, that he has no intention of
24	relocating to that state before Election Day, then
25	the secretary of state would be enforcing an extant

Т	constitutional qualification rather than enforcing a
2	new state-imposed qualification.
3	And that's the key under Term Limits: Is
4	the state in any way altering the criteria for a
5	federal office, either for Congress or for the
6	presidency? And in this situation, the Colorado
7	Supreme Court is going slightly beyond what Section 3
8	requires because Section 3 on its face bans an
9	insurrectionist only from holding office.
10	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Counsel, can I stop you
11	a moment and and back up a minute? You admitted
12	that the concept of self-executing does generally
13	permit states to provide a cause of action for
14	breaches of a constitutional provision.
15	MR. MITCHELL: Correct.
16	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: In fact, they do it
17	frequently for takings clauses. Here's there's no
18	debate that Colorado has placed that provided that
19	cause of action. You want to go a step further and
20	say that this, like the Treaty Clause, requires
21	implementing legislation to permit the state to
22	disqualify an insurrectionist
23	MR. MITCHELL: That's correct. So
24	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: under Section 3.
25	MR. MITCHELL: That's right.

1	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So history proves a lot
2	to me
3	MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
4	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: and to my colleagues
5	generally. There's a whole lot of examples of states
6	relying on Section 3 to disqualify insurrectionists
7	for state offices, and you're basically telling us
8	that you want us to go two steps further. You want
9	to maybe three.
10	MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
11	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: You want us to say that
12	self-execution doesn't mean what it generally means.
13	You want us now to say it means that Congress must
14	permit states or require states to stop
15	insurrectionists from taking state office.
16	MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
17	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: And and so this is a
18	complete preemption in a way that's very rare, isn't
19	it?
20	MR. MITCHELL: Well, that's the only
21	thing I would
22	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: It's rare under the
23	Fourteenth Amendment.
24	MR. MITCHELL: Oh, of course, it's rare.
25	This is this is a one-off situation. And, Your

1 Honor, the only thing I'm --JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Well, it is one-off. I 2 3 don't disagree with you. But it's not with -- with 4 respect to how we've defined "self-executing." 5 MR. MITCHELL: We're not asking this Court 6 to redefine the concept of non-self-execution. We 7 were careful in our brief not to rely on that phrase. And Griffin's Case doesn't --8 9 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Right, you are, because 10 it's not. 11 MR. MITCHELL: That's right. 12 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Okay. 13 MR. MITCHELL: And Griffin's Case --14 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So now the question is 15 a very different one --16 MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm. 17 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: -- in my mind. understand you're relying on Griffin. Let's just be 18 19 very clear. 20 MR. MITCHELL: Right. 21 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Griffin was not a 22 precedential Supreme Court decision. 23 MR. MITCHELL: That's correct. 24 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: All right. It was a 25 circuit court decision by a justice who, when he

1 becomes a justice, writes in the Davis case, he 2 assumed that Jefferson Davis would be ineligible to hold any office, particularly the presidency, and 3 4 treated -- and this is his words --MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm. 5 6 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: -- Section 3 as executing itself, needing no legislation on the part 7 8 of Congress to give it effect. 9 So you're relying on a non-precedential 10 case by a justice who later takes back what he said. 11 MR. MITCHELL: But the key point with 12 Griffin's Case and why it's an important precedent, 13 despite everything Your Honor said, it is not a 14 precedent of this Court, but Griffin's Case provided 15 the backdrop against which Congress legislated the 16 Enforcement Act of 1870 when it first provided an 17 enforcement mechanism for Section 3. JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Yeah. And it did away 18 with it later. 19 MR. MITCHELL: It did away with it later. 20 21 But, as --22 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: But -- but -- but that 23 has nothing to say with respect to what Section 3 2.4 means.

Can we get to the issue, which is, I think,

1	one that I go back to that I started with, and and
2	very briefly, what sense does it say that states
3	can't enforce Section 3 against their own officials?
4	MR. MITCHELL: Because
5	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: And I think, logically,
6	those are two separate issues in my mind: Can states
7	enforce the Insurrection Clause against their own
8	officeholders, or can they enforce it against federal
9	officials, or can they enforce it against the
10	president? Those are all three different questions
11	in my mind.
12	MR. MITCHELL: And the the answer to all
13	three of those questions turns on whether this Court
14	agrees with the holding of Griffin's Case. If
15	Griffin's Case is the proper enunciation of the law,
16	then a state cannot do any of the things Your Honor
17	suggested unless Congress gives it authority to do so
18	through implementing legislation. So
19	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So a non-precedential
20	decision that relies on policy, doesn't look at the
21	language, doesn't look at the history, doesn't
22	analyze anything than the disruption that such a suit
23	would bring, you want us to credit as precedential?
24	MR. MITCHELL: Because Congress relied on
25	Griffin's Case when it enacted the Enforcement Act of

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        1870 and established the --
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: So, Mr. Mitchell, if I may
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        interrupt --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Please.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- but just to clarify, I
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        mean, this sounds like your reply brief, where it
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        sounds like you're not making a constitutional
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        argument, you're really making a statutory preemption
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        argument. And --
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                 MR. MITCHELL: Right.
                 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- is that -- is that what
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        you're doing here? You're not saying that the
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        Constitution gives you this rule. It's the kind of
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        combination of Griffin's Case plus the way Congress
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        acted after Griffin's Case --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Yes.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- that gives you the rule?
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                MR. MITCHELL: That's exactly right,
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        Justice Kagan, because we have implementing
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        legislation, Congress took up the invitation provided
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        by Griffin's Case and established writs of quo
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        warranto in the 1870 Enforcement Act, later repealed
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        them.
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                 The only enforcement legislation that's
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        currently on the books is the insurrection criminal
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1	statute, Section 2383. And when Congress made all of
2	these decisions the initial enactment of the
3	Enforcement Act in 1870, the repeal of the quo
4	warranto provisions in 1948 all of those were made
5	with Griffin's Case as the backdrop. The under
6	JUSTICE KAGAN: I please.
7	MR. MITCHELL: Well, the understanding was
8	that these congressionally established remedies would
9	be exclusive of state court remedies. So there's not
10	an express statement of preemption in these statutes,
11	but there didn't need to be because Griffin's Case
12	provided the backdrop.
13	JUSTICE KAGAN: And if I could just
14	understand the argument a little bit better, suppose
15	that we took all of that away. You know, suppose
16	there were no Griffin's Case and there were no
17	subsequent congressional enactment. What do you then
18	think the rule would be?
19	MR. MITCHELL: So in just as a matter of
20	first principles without Griffin's Case, it's a much
21	harder argument for us to make because, normally, I
22	mean, every other provision of the Fourteenth
23	Amendment has been treated as self-executing.
24	What we would argue in this hypothetical
25	that Your Honor has suggested is that there are

Τ	practical considerations unique to Section 3 that
2	counsel in favor of a rule similar to what Chief
3	Justice Chase spelled out in Griffin's Case and it
4	goes to I think the policy concerns he talks about,
5	where this was a case Griffin's Case involved a
6	convicted criminal who was seeking a writ of habeas
7	corpus on the ground that the judge who tried his
8	case was an insurrectionist disqualified under
9	Section 3, and Chief Justice Chase realizes that if
LO	he enforces Section 3 in this situation, it would
L1	nullify every official act taken not only by this
L2	particular judge but by anyone who is an
L3	insurrectionist or arguably an insurrectionist under
L4	Section 3, and that was
L5	JUSTICE BARRETT: Well, why do you need
L6	those consequential concerns, though? I mean, it
L7	kind of seems to me that what Justice Kagan is
L8	getting at is why don't you have an argument that the
L9	Constitution of its own force, that Section 3 of its
20	own force, preempts the states' ability not not
21	necessarily, I think, not to enforce Section 3
22	against its own officers but against federal
23	officers, like in a Tarble's Case kind of way.
24	MR. MITCHELL: So there could also be an
25	argument that's more limited. You're suggesting

1 there may be a barrier under the Constitution to a 2 state legislating an enforcement mechanism for 3 Section 3 specific to federal officers. 4 We could rely on precedents such as McClung 5 that says that state courts lack the authority to 6 issue mandamus relief against federal officials and 7 extend that principle here. JUSTICE BARRETT: Well, why aren't you 8 9 making those arguments? 10 MR. MITCHELL: Because that doesn't get us 11 -- that -- Griffin's Case --12 JUSTICE BARRETT: That only gets you out of 13 state court, it doesn't get you out of federal court? 14 MR. MITCHELL: Right. And also the holding 15 of Griffin's Case went well beyond that because Chief 16 Justice Chase said in this opinion, which, again, 17 provided the backdrop for the congressional enforcement legislation, that states had no role in 18 19 enforcing Section 3 unless Congress was to give them that authority through a statute that they passed 20 21 pursuant to their -- powers. JUSTICE GORSUCH: I -- I --22 23 JUSTICE BARRETT: But your argument's --24 oh, sorry.

JUSTICE GORSUCH: No, please go ahead.

1	JUSTICE BARRETT: I was just going to add
2	one last thing. I think your argument's a little
3	broader than that because I think, if we accept your
4	position that disqualifying someone from the ballot
5	is adding a qualification, really, your position is
6	that Congress can't enact a statute that would allow
7	Colorado to do what it's done either because then
8	Congress would be adding a qualification, which it
9	can't do either.
10	MR. MITCHELL: No, I don't agree with that,
11	Justice Barrett. Congress is not bound by the
12	holding of Term Limits. Term Limits only prohibits
13	the states from adding additional qualifications or
14	altering the Constitution's qualifications for
15	federal office. It does not purport to restrain
16	Congress.
17	So, if Congress were to enact implementing
18	legislation that authorized the states to exclude
19	insurrectionists from the ballot, we believe that
20	would be valid enforcement legislation under Section
21	3 with an important caveat. There has to be
22	congruence and proportionality under this Court's
23	precedents. So Congress
24	JUSTICE ALITO: Well, why would that be an
25	important why would that be permissible? Because

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        Section 3 refers to the holding of office, not
        running for office. And so --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
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                JUSTICE ALITO: -- if a state or Congress
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       were to go further and say that you can't run for the
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        office, you can't compete in a primary, wouldn't that
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       be adding an additional qualification for serving for
       president? You must have been free from this --
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       disqualification at an earlier point in time than
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        Section 3 specifies.
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                MR. MITCHELL: I think the answer to your
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        question, Justice Alito, depends on how you interpret
        the word "enforce" in Section 5. And some members of
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        this Court, such as Justice Scalia, thought that
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        "enforce" means you can do nothing more than enact
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        legislation that mirrors the Fourteenth Amendment's
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        self-executing requirements and you can't go an inch
       beyond that. That's not the current jurisprudence of
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       this Court --
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: No. Well, all right.
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       have --
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                MR. MITCHELL: -- the Court allows --
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                JUSTICE ALITO: -- to decide whether it's
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        congruent and proportional.
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                MR. MITCHELL: Right.
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1	JUSTICE ALITO: And we would get into the
2	question of whether that would be congruent and
3	proportional.
4	Well, let me shift gear a little bit. I
5	I take you to to argue and I think this is
6	right that the term "self-executing" is a misnomer
7	as applied here.
8	MR. MITCHELL: Yes, it is.
9	JUSTICE ALITO: Very often, when we use the
LO	term, what we're referring to is the proposition that
L1	a particular provision of the Constitution or a
L2	statute in and of itself creates a private right of
L3	action. That's not what the issue is here.
L4	MR. MITCHELL: No, that's not the issue
L5	here. And sometimes the phrase "self-executing" is
L6	used that way. The only thing I would add is
L7	sometimes it's used in a different sense. With
L8	self-executing treaties or non-self-executing
L9	treaties, the issue is whether that treaty has any
20	force as domestic law whatsoever.
21	JUSTICE ALITO: Right. Right. Well, I
22	don't see what is gained by using this term which is
23	used in different contexts rather than directly
24	addressing what's involved here, which is the
) F	quarties of who gas enforce Coation 2 with respect to

1	a presidential candidate.
2	MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
3	JUSTICE ALITO: The consequences of what
4	the Colorado Supreme Court did, some people claim,
5	would be quite severe. Would it not permit would
6	it not lead to the possibility that other states
7	would say, using their choice-of-law rules and their
8	rules on on collateral estoppel, that there's
9	non-mutual collateral estoppel against former
10	President Trump and so the decision of the Colorado
11	Supreme Court could effectively decide this question
12	for many other states, perhaps all other states?
13	Could it not lead to that consequence?
14	MR. MITCHELL: I don't think so because
15	Colorado law does not recognize non-mutual collateral
16	estoppel. And I believe the preclusive effect of the
17	decision would be determined by Colorado law rather
18	than the law of another state.
19	But I think your question, Justice Alito,
20	gives rise to an an even greater concern because,
21	if this decision does not have preclusive effect in
22	other lawsuits, it opens the possibility that a
23	different factual record could be developed in some
24	of the litigation that occurs in other states, and
25	different factual findings could be entered by state

1 trial court judges. They might conclude as a matter 2 of fact that President Trump did not have any intent to engage in incitement or make some other finding 3 4 that differs from what this trial court judge found. 5 JUSTICE ALITO: Yeah, exactly. So this --6 in this decision, the -- the trial court in Colorado 7 thought that it was proper to admit the January 6th 8 report, and it also admitted the testimony of an 9 expert --10 MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm. 11 JUSTICE ALITO: -- who testified about the 12 meaning of certain words and phrases to people who 13 communicate with and among extremists, right? 14 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. 15 JUSTICE ALITO: Another -- another state 16 court could reach an opposite conclusion on both of 17 those questions. MR. MITCHELL: Certainly. Other states 18 19 could conclude that the January 6th report is 20 inadmissible hearsay. They might also conclude that 2.1 statements within the January 6th report were hearsay 22 even if the report itself is not. And they could 23 certainly reach a different conclusion with respect 2.4 to the expert testimony of Professor Simi. Perhaps 25 in another state, we would have time to produce our

1 own sociology expert who would contradict Professor Simi. 2 3 JUSTICE ALITO: Now should -- should these 4 considerations be dismissed as simply 5 consequentialist arguments, or do they support a 6 structural argument that supports the position that 7 you're taking here? 8 MR. MITCHELL: I think they all mutually 9 reinforce each other. We have an argument, we 10 believe, that is sufficient to dispose of this case 11 just based on the meaning of "officer of the United 12 States," as well as the argument we're making based 13 on Term Limits, but all of the consequentialist 14 considerations that Your Honor has suggested are 15 additional reasons to reverse the Colorado Supreme 16 Court, although we don't think it's necessary to get 17 into consequences because the law is clearly on our 18 side. 19 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Can I -- you keep 20 saying "term limits." There are other presidential 2.1 qualifications in the Constitution, age. 22 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. 23 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Citizenship. There's a 2.4 separate amendment, the Twenty-Second Amendment, that 25 doesn't permit anyone to run for a second term.

1	We have a history of states disqualifying
2	not all, but some of disqualifying candidates
3	who won't be of age if elected. We have a history
4	of at least one state disqualifying someone who
5	wasn't a U.S. citizen.
6	MR. MITCHELL: Right.
7	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Is are your
8	arguments limited to Section 3?
9	MR. MITCHELL: Not quite. The question,
LO	Justice Sotomayor, is whether the state is violating
L1	Term Limits by adding to or altering the extant
L2	qualifications for the presidency in the
L3	Constitution. Now the hypo
L4	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So you want us to say
L5	I I I'm wondering why the term limits
L6	qualification is important to you.
L7	MR. MITCHELL: Because it
L8	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Are are you setting
L9	up so that if some president runs for a third term,
20	that a state can't disqualify him from the ballot?
21	MR. MITCHELL: Of course, a state can
22	disqualify him from the ballot because that is a
23	qualification that is categorical. It's not
24	defeasible by Congress. So a state is enforcing the
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ballot if you've already served two terms as
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                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: The same if they're
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        under age when elected and the same if they're not a
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        U.S. citizen.
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                 MR. MITCHELL: The same if they're not --
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        well, the same if they're not a U.S. citizen for
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               The age is a little more nuanced because you
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        can imagine a scenario where the person is 34 years
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        old at the time of the election, but he turns 35
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        before Inauguration Day.
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                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Well, then that would
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        come up --
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                 MR. MITCHELL: A state could not --
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                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: -- that would probably
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        come up to us at some point.
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                 MR. MITCHELL: But --
                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: The state would make a
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        decision and say he's ineligible, and we would have
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        to decide that question then.
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                 But my point is so what -- adding
        qualifications to what term limit --
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                 MR. MITCHELL: You're --
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                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: -- is your argument
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1	based on?
2	MR. MITCHELL: You're changing
3	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: I'm just confused.
4	MR. MITCHELL: Okay. With respect to the
5	maybe I'll start with the age example.
6	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Mm-hmm.
7	MR. MITCHELL: If a state like Colorado
8	says you can't appear on our presidential ballot
9	unless you are 35 years old on the day of the
10	election, that would be a violation of Term Limits
11	because there could be a 34-year-old on the day of
12	the election who turns 35 before Inauguration Day.
13	What Colorado has done here, what their
14	Supreme Court has done, is similar because, under
15	Section 3, President Trump needs to qualify during
16	the time that he would hold office, and the Colorado
17	Supreme Court is saying to President Trump: You have
18	to show that you would qualify under Section 3 now,
19	at the time of the election, or at the time that we,
20	the state supreme court
21	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Now I understand.
22	JUSTICE KAGAN: So what what
23	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Now just just a
24	point of clarification so we're all on the same page
25	When you say "Term Limits," you mean our decision in

1 the Term Limits case --2 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. I'm sorry. 3 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: -- not the 4 constitutional provision governing term limits? 5 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. U.S. Term Limits 6 against Thornton. Maybe I should call it Thornton instead of Term Limits. 7 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: That would be 8 9 easier for the Justices --10 MR. MITCHELL: I'm sorry. 11 JUSTICE JACKSON: And does it have some --12 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: I -- I was confused. 13 JUSTICE JACKSON: So does it have something 14 15 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Thank you. 16 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- to do with the fact 17 that the particular circumstance that you're talking about can change? Is that what you mean? I'm trying 18 to understand --19 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah. 20 21 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- the distinction 22 between the provision in the Constitution that 23 relates to disqualification on the basis of insurrection behavior --24 25 MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.

1	JUSTICE JACKSON: and these other
2	provisions that Justice Sotomayor points out. They
3	all seem to me to be extant constitutional
4	requirements. So you but you're drawing a
5	distinction.
6	MR. MITCHELL: Right. I'm drawing a
7	distinction because some of them are categorical,
8	such as
9	JUSTICE JACKSON: What do you mean by
10	"categorical"? Whether or not you are an
11	insurrectionist is or is not categorical?
12	MR. MITCHELL: It is not categorical
13	because
14	JUSTICE JACKSON: Because?
15	MR. MITCHELL: because Congress can lift
16	the disability by a two-thirds vote. And there is
17	JUSTICE JACKSON: But but why does
18	why does that change the initial determination of
19	whether or not you fall into the category? I don't
20	understand the fact that you can be excused from
21	having been in the category why does that not make
22	it a categorical determination?
23	MR. MITCHELL: Because we don't know
24	whether President Trump will be excused before he's
25	sworn in, if he wins the election, on January 20th,

1 2025. And a -- and a court that is saying that 2 President Trump has to show now, today, that he would 3 qualify under Section 3 is accelerating the deadline 4 that the Constitution provides for him to obtain a 5 waiver from Congress. 6 JUSTICE JACKSON: But that's by virtue of 7 the "hold," right, "hold office." This is --MR. MITCHELL: Correct. Yes. 8 9 JUSTICE JACKSON: Oh, okay. 10 MR. MITCHELL: Section 3 bans him only from 11 holding office. It does not --12 JUSTICE JACKSON: All right. Can I ask you 13 -- I'm just -- now that I have the floor --14 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. 15 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- can I ask you to 16 address your first argument, which is the 17 office/officer point? JUSTICE KAGAN: Could -- could --18 JUSTICE JACKSON: Oh, sorry. 19 20 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Yeah, why don't we 2.1 22 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- could we --23 JUSTICE JACKSON: Oh. 2.4 JUSTICE KAGAN: Is -- is -- is that okay if 25 we do this and then we go to that?

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                JUSTICE JACKSON: Sure. Sure, sure, sure.
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                JUSTICE KAGAN: You know, but --
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: Go ahead.
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                JUSTICE KAGAN: Will there be an
        opportunity to do "officer" stuff, or should we --
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                CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Absolutely.
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        Absolutely.
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                 (Laughter.)
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                JUSTICE KAGAN: I -- I just want to
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        understand. So, on -- on -- on this theory, what is
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        the sum total of ways that the -- that Section 3 can
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       be enforced, that -- that -- that -- that
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        some --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Yeah.
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                JUSTICE KAGAN: -- that somebody out there
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        can say, yes, there has been a former president who
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        engaged or led or participated in an insurrection and
        so should be disqualified from office, putting aside
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        the officer argument --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Right.
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                JUSTICE KAGAN: -- what is the sum total of
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        ways that that enforcement can happen?
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                MR. MITCHELL: Right. So the answer to
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        that question is going to depend on what Your Honor
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        thinks of Griffin's Case. So, if this Court were to
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        affirm the rationale of Griffin's Case, then the only
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        way Section 3 could be enforced is through
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        congressional legislation that creates a remedy.
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        Congress could reinstate the quo warranto provisions
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        that they initially had in the 1870 --
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: Is that your position?
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                MR. MITCHELL: Yes, because we believe
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        Griffin's Case is correctly decided and should be
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        followed --
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: And -- and how does that
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        fit with -- a lot of the -- the -- the answers to the
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        questions that we've been giving, you said, well,
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        Congress has to have the ability by a two-thirds vote
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        to lift the disqualification.
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                MR. MITCHELL: Right.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: But so too I would -- I
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        would think that that provision would -- would --
        would be in some tension with what you just said --
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                 MR. MITCHELL: There -- there is some,
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        yeah.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- because, if -- if
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        Congress has the ability to lift the vote by a
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        two-thirds majority, then, surely, it can't be right
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        that one House of Congress can do the exact same
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        thing by a simple majority.
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1	MR. MITCHELL: Yeah, there certainly is
2	some tension, Justice Kagan, and some commentators
3	have pointed this out. Professor Baude and Professor
4	Paulsen criticized Griffin's Case very sharply.
5	JUSTICE KAGAN: Then I must be right.
6	(Laughter.)
7	MR. MITCHELL: Well, we don't think it's
8	we don't think this problem is fatal because, to us,
9	the the two-thirds provision that allows Congress
10	to lift a disability is something akin to a pardon
11	power, where Congress, through enforcement
12	legislation, creates a mechanism by which the
13	insurrectionist issue is to be determined by some
14	entity, it could be the legislature in the case of an
15	elected member of Congress, each House has the
16	ability to judge the qualifications of their members,
17	or if it's outside the situation of Congress, it
18	would be whatever Congress enacts.
19	So, when it was the writs of quo warranto,
20	each federal prosecutor had the authority to bring a
21	quo warranto writ against an incumbent official and
22	seek his ouster from office under Section 3, but it
23	was still subject to that amnesty provision in
24	Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment.

So we do acknowledge the tension, but we

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        don't think that's an insurmountable obstacle to our
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        view of the case.
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: I -- I don't even see why
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        there's -- why there's a tension. If you analogize
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        the -- the lifting by Congress of the
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        disqualification by a two-thirds vote to a pardon,
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        then, surely, one would not argue that the fact that
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        the president or a governor can pardon someone from a
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        criminal conviction or a criminal offense means that
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        the person couldn't be prosecuted in the first place
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        for the criminal offense.
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                MR. MITCHELL: That's right.
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                JUSTICE ALITO: Right?
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                MR. MITCHELL: Yes.
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                JUSTICE ALITO: So I don't see what the
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        tension is. They're two separate things. Did the
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        person engage in this activity which is prohibited,
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        and second, even if the person did engage in the
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        activity, are there reasons why the disqualification
        or the -- should be lifted or the pardon should be
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        granted.
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                MR. MITCHELL: That's right. I mean, if --
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        again, if the Court accepts the holding of Griffin's
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        Case, that's exactly the regime that we would have,
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        like the Court described.
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JUSTICE ALITO: Yeah. I don't see there's
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        a tension.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: But I guess I don't --
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: But, also, there's a limit
        on what one can infer from the mere fact that
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        Congress can lift the disqualification. You can't
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        infer from that that it is impermissible to have a
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        prior determination that the person did engage in the
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        insurrection. You can't make that inference.
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                MR. MITCHELL: Okav.
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                JUSTICE ALITO: It's not logical.
                JUSTICE KAGAN: Well, but I think --
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                 JUSTICE JACKSON: Yet isn't that what
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        you're doing?
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- what's -- what's --
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        what's -- what's -- what's in tension is that you
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        would have the exact same actor and say, look, that
        actor can lift --
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                 MR. MITCHELL: Right.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- the disqualification by
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        a two-thirds vote.
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                 But you're saying only that actor can put
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        the disqualification into effect in the first place
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        and it can do that by far less than two-thirds.
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        can do that just by a simple majority of one House.
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                MR. MITCHELL: Or -- or it could do that by
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        doing nothing at all if -- if the holding of
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        Griffin's Case is correct because just --
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                JUSTICE KAGAN: Yes, exactly.
                MR. MITCHELL: -- congressional inaction
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       would --
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: But that means that there
       will --
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                MR. MITCHELL: -- effectively act as a --
                JUSTICE KAGAN: The only thing it takes --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Yeah.
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                JUSTICE KAGAN: -- to have no action --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Right.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- is -- you know, is, you
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       know, half plus one saying we don't feel like it.
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                MR. MITCHELL: But that's why we tried to
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        characterize our Griffin's Case argument the way we
        did where we rely on preemption doctrines as well.
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       So we have --
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                 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Well, don't -- don't
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        you think --
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                 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Why don't we --
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                 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: -- Griffin's Case is
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        also relevant to trying to figure out what the
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        original public meaning of Section 3 of the
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1 Fourteenth Amendment is? It's by the Chief Justice 2 of the United States a year after the Fourteenth 3 Amendment. That seems to me --4 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: -- highly probative of 5 6 what the meaning or understanding of that language, 7 otherwise elusive language, is. 8 MR. MITCHELL: I do think it's probative, 9 Justice Kavanaugh. We didn't rely too heavily on the 10 point that you're making, partly because we have this 11 other opinion from Justice Chase in the Jefferson 12 Davis case. So that argument could potentially 13 boomerang on us, which is why we didn't push it very 14 hard in our briefing. 15 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you. 16 MR. MITCHELL: But I think Your Honor is 17 right. This is --CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Why -- why don't 18 19 you finish your sentence and then we'll move on. 20 MR. MITCHELL: Just it is -- it is relevant 21 and probative for sure, but I think there is other 22 evidence too that might perhaps undercut the 23 usefulness of trying to characterize Griffin's Case 2.4 as completely emblematic of the original 25 understanding.

1 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Then why don't we 2 move on to the officer point. 3 MR. MITCHELL: Certainly. 4 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: And, Justice Jackson, I think you --5 6 JUSTICE JACKSON: Yes. So I had a question 7 about it because you're making a textualist argument. 8 MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm. 9 JUSTICE JACKSON: And as I look at Section 10 3, I see two parts of the first sentence of Section 11 3. 12 MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm. JUSTICE JACKSON: The first is a list of 13 14 offices that a disqualified person is barred from 15 holding, and the second are specific circumstances 16 that give rise to disqualification. 17 So, first, am I right about seeing that there are two different things happening in the first 18 19 sentence? 20 MR. MITCHELL: Yes, for sure. 21 JUSTICE JACKSON: Okay. So are you arguing 22 both in this case or just one? Are you arguing both 23 that the office of the presidency should not be considered one of the barred offices --2.4 25 MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.

1	JUSTICE JACKSON: and that the person
2	a person who previously took the presidential oath is
3	not subject to disqualification?
4	MR. MITCHELL: We are arguing both, Your
5	Honor.
6	JUSTICE JACKSON: I don't see that in your
7	brief.
8	MR. MITCHELL: Well
9	JUSTICE JACKSON: I see a lot of focus on
10	the second but not on the first.
11	MR. MITCHELL: there is definitely more
12	focus on the second, and we acknowledge that we have
13	a somewhat heavier lift on the first point just
14	because
15	JUSTICE JACKSON: Why?
16	MR. MITCHELL: Well, first
17	JUSTICE JACKSON: It seems to me that you
18	have a list and president is not on it.
19	MR. MITCHELL: That that's certainly an
20	argument in our favor, but there are also with
21	respect to "officer of the United States," that's
22	used repeatedly in the Constitution in the
23	Commissions Clause, in the Appointments Clause, and
24	also in the Impeachment Clause, and every time it
25	appears, it's used in a way that clearly excludes the

1 president. 2 JUSTICE JACKSON: No, I understand. 3 MR. MITCHELL: So we don't --4 JUSTICE JACKSON: But that's the second 5 argument. 6 MR. MITCHELL: That is. And the --7 JUSTICE JACKSON: So the first argument --MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm. 8 9 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- is we have a list of 10 offices --11 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. 12 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- that a person is barred from holding, right --13 14 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. 15 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- under your theory or 16 under the -- the language of --17 MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm. 18 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- and we see it begins 19 with senator, representative, elector --20 MR. MITCHELL: Elector. JUSTICE JACKSON: -- of the president and 21 22 vice president, and all other civil or military 23 officers -- offices. MR. MITCHELL: Well, offices under the 2.4 25 United States --

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                JUSTICE JACKSON: Offices under the United
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        States.
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                MR. MITCHELL: -- is how it's phrased.
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: But the word "president
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        or vice president" does not in -- appear -- not
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        appear specifically --
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                MR. MITCHELL: That's right.
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: -- in that list.
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        guess I'm trying to understand, are you giving up
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        that argument?
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                MR. MITCHELL: No.
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: And, if so, why?
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                MR. MITCHELL: No, we're not giving it up
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        at all. You're right, the president and the vice
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       president are not specifically listed, but the
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        Anderson litigants claim that they are encompassed
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        within the meaning of the phrase "office under the
        United States." And that --
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: And do you agree that --
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        that -- that -- that the Framers would have put such
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        a high and significant and important office, sort of
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        smuggled it in through that catch-all phrase?
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                MR. MITCHELL: No, we don't agree at all.
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        That's why we're still making the argument that the
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        presidency is excluded from the covered offices that
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        are listed at the beginning of Section 3.
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                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: I -- I'm sorry, your
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        brief says you didn't take a position on that point.
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                MR. MITCHELL: I'm sorry.
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                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: And your brief said --
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        I don't have the -- the cite, I -- I apologize.
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                MR. MITCHELL: Okay.
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                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: You don't affirmatively
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        argue that point I think is what your brief said.
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                 MR. MITCHELL: In the blue brief?
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                 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Yes.
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                MR. MITCHELL: Well, we certainly argued it
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        in the reply brief, and I'll have to look at what we
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        -- how we phrased it. But we did point out in our
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        opening brief that there are potential issues if this
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        Court were to rule on "office under" because that
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        phrase appears in other parts of the Constitution,
        including the Emoluments Clause, the Impeachment
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        Disqualification Clause, and the Incompatibility
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        Clause --
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                 JUSTICE JACKSON: Would we necessarily have
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        to say -- I mean, I thought -- I thought the point
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        was that Section 3 was unique, that there was
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        something happening with Section 3 that could explain
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        why certain offices were left off or whatnot.
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                MR. MITCHELL: Perhaps, but there are also
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        implications from other parts of the Constitution
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        which really help us on the "officer of the United
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        States" argument in that second part of Section 3 but
        somewhat cut against us when it comes to "office
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        under the United States."
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                 And the Anderson litigants point this out
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        in Footnote 9 in the red brief where they say, if
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        this Court were to say the presidency is an excluded
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        office under the United States, that could imply, for
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        example, the president is not covered by the
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        Emoluments --
                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Mr. -- Mr. Mitchell --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Yes.
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                JUSTICE GORSUCH: -- stepping back on this
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                MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: -- a -- a lot hinges on
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        the difference between -- in your argument between
        the term "office" and "officer."
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                MR. MITCHELL: Yes.
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                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: And I -- I -- I guess I'm
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        wondering what theory do you have from an original
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        understanding or a textualist perspective --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
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1	JUSTICE GORSUCH: why those two terms so
2	closely related would carry such different weight?
3	MR. MITCHELL: Because it's clear from the
4	constitutional text that there are officers that do
5	not hold offices under the United States, for
6	example, the Speaker of the House and the President
7	Pro Tempore. They're described as officers in
8	Article I who are chosen by the legislature.
9	They also have to be officers if they're
10	able to be covered by the Presidential Succession Act
11	because, under the Constitution, only officers can
12	serve when there's a vacancy in both the presidency
13	and the vice presidency.
14	So they're officers, but they're not
15	offices under the United States because of the
16	Incompatibility Clause, which says that if you're a
17	member of Congress, you cannot simultaneously hold an
18	office under the United States. So that provision of
19	the Constitution clearly demonstrates that
20	JUSTICE GORSUCH: I I
21	MR. MITCHELL: members of Congress can't
22	hold offices.
23	JUSTICE GORSUCH: I I appreciate that
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25	MR. MITCHELL: Yes.

1	JUSTICE GORSUCH: response. Is is
2	there anything in the original drafting, history,
3	discussion that you think illuminates why that
4	distinction would carry such profound weight?
5	MR. MITCHELL: Not not of which we're
6	aware. So these are textual inferences that we're
7	drawing
8	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Yeah.
9	MR. MITCHELL: from constitutional
10	structure, intratextualist analysis.
11	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Yeah.
12	MR. MITCHELL: But we aren't relying
13	necessarily on the thought processes of the people
14	who drafted these provisions because they're
15	unknowable. But, even if they were knowable, we're
16	not sure they would be relevant in any event because
17	this language, especially in Section 3, was enacted
18	as a compromise.
19	There were certainly radical Republicans
20	who wanted to go much further. If you look at some
21	of the earlier drafts that were proposed, some people
22	wanted to ban all insurrectionists from holding
23	office regardless of whether they previously swore an
24	oath. Some people wanted to go further and ban them
25	even from voting. And

1	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you. Thank
2	you, counsel.
3	I just have one very technical question.
4	The statute in 1870, if if it were still in
5	effect, would require you to modify your arguments
6	slightly. It was repealed, as you say, in 1948.
7	Do I I tried to find it, but I
8	couldn't. Do you know why it was repealed?
9	MR. MITCHELL: No, I we don't know why.
LO	It looks like it was done as part of a reorganization
L1	of the U.S. Code, so it doesn't appear there was any
L2	policy motivation behind that decision. I think a
L3	lot of things got repealed during this 1948
L4	decisions that were made.
L5	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Okay.
L6	Justice Thomas, anything further?
L7	Justice Alito?
L8	JUSTICE ALITO: Is there any history of
L9	states using Section 3 as a way to bar federal
20	officeholders?
21	MR. MITCHELL: Not that I'm aware, Justice
22	Alito, because of Griffin's Case. I mean, Griffin's
23	Case has been the law I shouldn't say that it's
24	been the law because it was just a circuit court
0.5	dogigion but that has been the gettled understanding

of Section 3 since 1870 when it was decided. 1 2 JUSTICE ALITO: Thank you. 3 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Sotomayor? 4 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: I -- I just want to pin 5 down your principal argument on Section 3. You argue 6 that even though the president may or may not 7 qualify -- presidency may or may not qualify as an office under the United States, your principal 8 9 argument is that the president is not an officer of the United States, correct? 10 11 MR. MITCHELL: Yeah, I would say it a 12 little more forcefully than what Your Honor just 13 described. We believe the presidency is excluded 14 from "office under the United States," but the 15 argument we have that he's excluded, the president, 16 as an officer of the United States is the stronger of 17 the two textually. 18 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Ah. 19 MR. MITCHELL: It has fewer implications 20 for other constitutional provisions --21 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: A bit of a 22 gerrymandered rule, isn't it, designed to benefit 23 only your client? 24 MR. MITCHELL: I certainly wouldn't call it 25 gerrymandered. That implies nefarious intent. We're

1	just
2	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Well, that you didn't
3	make it up. I know some scholars have been
4	discussing it. But just so we're clear, under that
5	reading, only only the Petitioner is disqualified
6	because virtually every other president except
7	Washington
8	MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
9	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: has taken an oath of
10	to support the Constitution, correct?
11	MR. MITCHELL: That's right. Every
12	president to our knowledge, every other president
13	John Adams might also be excluded because he took
14	the oath as a vice president, which is not an officer
15	but, yes, President Biden would certainly be
16	covered. He took the oath as a member of Congress.
17	And that's true of every previous president.
18	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Would that be true if
19	we were to hold more narrowly in a reversal that it's
20	not Section 3 that's at issue but Thornton and others
21	as to whether Section 3 can be enforced by states
22	against the president?
23	MR. MITCHELL: That would extend to every
24	presidential candidate
25	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Exactly.

1	MR. MITCHELL: not just our client.
2	That's correct.
3	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Not just to yours.
4	MR. MITCHELL: Yes.
5	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Okay. Thank you.
6	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Kagan?
7	JUSTICE KAGAN: And if I could just
8	understand, I mean, given that you say you don't have
9	a lot of evidence that the founding or the
10	generation that we're looking at is really thinking
11	about "office" versus "officer of the United States,
12	I mean, it it it would suggest that we should
13	ask what is that rule a sensible one? You know,
14	if they had thought about it, what reason would they
15	have given for that rule?
16	And it does seem as though there there's
17	no particular reason, and you can think of lots of
18	reasons for the contrary
19	MR. MITCHELL: Right.
20	JUSTICE KAGAN: to say that the only
21	people who have engaged in insurrection who are not
22	disqualified from office are presidents who have not
23	held high office before. Why would that rule exist?
24	MR. MITCHELL: Yeah. I don't think there
25	is a good rationale given that this was compromise

1	legislation. And sometimes this happens with
2	statutory compromises and even constitutional
3	compromises. There's an agreed-upon set of words
4	that can pass both Houses of Congress, but different
5	legislators may have had goals and motivations. They
6	didn't all get their way. In a compromise, everyone
7	goes away miserable.
8	But this was the text that was settled
9	upon. And it does seem odd that President Trump
10	would fall through the cracks in a sense, but if
11	"officer of the United States" means appointed
12	officials, there's just no way he can be covered
13	under Section 3. The Court would have to reject our
14	officer argument to get to that point.
15	JUSTICE KAGAN: And is there any better
16	reason, if he go to the office argument that
17	Justice Jackson was suggesting, is there any better
18	reason for saying that an insurrectionist cannot hold
19	the whole panoply of offices in the United States,
20	but we're perfectly fine with that insurrectionist
21	being president?
22	MR. MITCHELL: I think that's an even
23	tougher argument for us to make as a policy matter
24	because one would think, of all offices, the
25	presidency would be the one you'd want to keep out

1	the Confederate insurrectionists. That's the
2	commander-in-chief of the Army. So, again, that's
3	why we're leaning more on the "officer of" argument
4	than the "office under."
5	We're not conceding "office under," but we
6	definitely have the stronger textual case and
7	structural case on "officer of the United States."
8	JUSTICE KAGAN: Thank you.
9	MR. MITCHELL: Thanks.
10	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Gorsuch?
11	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Do you want to respond to
12	some of the specific textual arguments on the
13	"officer of" with respect to the Appointments Clause,
14	the Impeachment Clause, and some of the others?
15	MR. MITCHELL: Yeah. So the way let's
16	start with
17	JUSTICE GORSUCH: But why
18	MR. MITCHELL: Well, I'll start with the
19	Commissions Clause.
20	JUSTICE GORSUCH: The ball has been
21	bouncing
22	MR. MITCHELL: Yeah.
23	JUSTICE GORSUCH: on that back and
24	forth, and I wanted to see where you landed today.
25	MR. MITCHELL: There are three textual

1	inferences that could be drawn from each of those
2	provisions Your Honor just mentioned, but the
3	Commissions Clause, I think, is the strongest because
4	it says the president shall, you know, "commission
5	all the Officers of the United States." "Shall" is
6	mandatory. "All" is all-encompassing. And the
7	president doesn't commission himself, and he can't
8	commission himself. So that's one of the first
9	problems.
10	I think the Anderson litigants are trying
11	to say, you know, there's somehow an implied
12	exception there because the president obviously can't
13	commission himself, so we should construe that to
14	mean all officers of the United States besides the
15	president. But you also have members of Congress who
16	are not commissioned by the president, and that's
17	because they're not officers of the United States.
18	So the only sensible distinction that we
19	can see, given the language of the Commissions
20	Clause, is that officers of of the United States
21	are appointed officials, and elected officials, such
22	as members of Congress and the president and the vice
23	president, are not.
24	And the Impeachment Clause reinforces that.
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1 Officers of the United States shall be removed from 2 Office [upon] Impeachment for, and Conviction of ... 3 [all] high Crimes and Misdemeanors." The president 4 and the vice president are listed separately from officers of the United States. 5 6 And then, of course, the Appointments 7 Clause, we know the president is not appointed pursuant to Article II. Neither is the vice 8 9 president. Neither are members of Congress. So they can't be officers either. 10 11 JUSTICE GORSUCH: And how does Article I, 12 Section 6, fit into this discussion? MR. MITCHELL: And this is about officers 13 14 being in the line of succession? 15 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Yes, exactly. 16 MR. MITCHELL: Right. So you have to be an 17 officer to be in the line of succession. We have a federal statute that puts the Speaker and the 18 President Pro Tempore in the line of succession. 19 20 They are officers. But they're not officers of the 21 United States because they're not subject to 22 impeachment, they're not commissioned by the 23 president, and they're not appointed pursuant to 2.4 Article II. 25 So there is this gap between the term

1	"officer" and the phrase "officers of the United
2	States," reinforcing the idea that "officers of the
3	United States" is a term of art that doesn't refer
4	just to federal officeholders, which is what the
5	Anderson litigants are claiming, but refers only to
6	those who are appointed, not to those who are
7	elected.
8	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Thank you.
9	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Kavanaugh?
10	JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Can I just make sure I
11	understand how you're using Griffin's Case again?
12	Section 3 refers to insurrection and raises questions
13	about who decides what processes are to be used.
14	That's ratified in 1868. The next year, Chief
15	Justice Chase opines that states do not have the
16	authority, that only Congress has the authority to
17	enforce that. That could be evidence, as you say, of
18	the original public meaning, at least some evidence.
19	MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
20	JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: It's a precedent,
21	although not binding. But your point then is it's
22	reinforced because Congress itself relies on that
23	precedent in the Enforcement Act of 1870 and forms
24	the backdrop against which Congress does legislate.
25	And then, as Justice Alito says, the historical

1 practice for 155 years has been that that's the way 2 it's gone. There hasn't -- there haven't been state 3 attempts to enforce disqualification under Section 3 4 against federal officers in the years since. 5 MR. MITCHELL: Right. 6 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: So whether that's a 7 Federalist 37 liquidation argument, it all reinforces what happened back in 1868, 1869, and 1870. 8 9 MR. MITCHELL: Right. 10 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Do you want to add to 11 that, alter that? 12 MR. MITCHELL: No, I think that's exactly 13 right. And the last part you mentioned, Your Honor, 14 is crucial to our argument, that Congress relied on 15 Griffin's Case. It provided the backdrop against 16 which they legislated, which is why we should read 17 these extant enforcement mechanisms -- and, right now, the only one left is the federal insurrection 18 19 statute, 2383 -- as exclusive of state court 20 remedies. It's an -- it's a form of implied 21 preemption, almost Sea Clammers implicit preemption 22 of other remedies, because Congress made these 23 decisions in explicit reliance on Griffin's Case. 24 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: And if we agree with 25 you on Griffin's Case and what you've elaborated on

1 there, that's the end of the case, right? 2 MR. MITCHELL: It should be, yes, unless 3 Congress decides to enact a statute, which we can't 4 5 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: A new --6 MR. MITCHELL: -- rule out the possibility. 7 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: -- a new statute in 8 addition to 2383. And just to be clear, under 2383, 9 you agree that someone could be prosecuted for 10 insurrection by federal prosecutors and, if 11 convicted, could be or shall be disqualified then 12 from office? 13 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. But the only caveat 14 that I would add is that our client is arguing that 15 he has presidential immunity. So we would not 16 concede that he can be prosecuted for what he did on 17 January 6th under 2383. 18 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Understood. Asking if 19 20 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. 21 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: -- the question about the theory of 2383. Thank you. 22 23 MR. MITCHELL: Thank you. 2.4 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Barrett? 25 JUSTICE BARRETT: So Griffin's Case was a

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        collateral proceeding, so it's habeas relief.
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                MR. MITCHELL: Yes.
                 JUSTICE BARRETT: Could Griffin have -- so
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        even if Section 3 is not a basis for collateral
        relief in habeas, which was new at the time, could
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        Griffin have raised at his trial or in direct appeal
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        the argument that Sheffey, Judge Sheffey, you know,
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        you can't legitimately sit -- or constitutionally sit
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        on my case because you're an insurrectionist and
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        you're disqualified? Could he have won then?
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                 MR. MITCHELL: No.
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                 JUSTICE BARRETT: Why?
                MR. MITCHELL: Not if -- not if Griffin's
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        Case is correct. So a court would have to reject the
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        rationale of Griffin's Case to accept what Your Honor
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        was suggesting.
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                 JUSTICE BARRETT: Well, why? Like I said,
        Griffin's Case -- I mean, I think there's some
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        language that might be a little bit broad --
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                MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
                 JUSTICE BARRETT: -- but, at bottom,
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        Griffin's Case is about a collateral habeas
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1 challenge Sheffey's constitutional ability to 2 adjudicate his case? 3 MR. MITCHELL: What Griffin's Case holds is 4 that only Congress can provide the means of enforcing Section 3. And under Your Honor's hypothetical, 5 6 Congress has not enacted any such statute that would 7 give Mr. Griffin the right to raise those types of arguments at his trial. So he would have to await 8 9 legislation from Congress. JUSTICE BARRETT: Okay. Let's assume that 10 11 I disagree with you about the officer argument, so 12 Section 3 covers President Trump. Let's say that 13 Congress enacts a quo warranto provision that would 14 allow a -- a state or I guess it doesn't really 15 matter for this purpose, even -- even a federal prosecutor, to bring such an action against him to 16 17 remove him from office --18 MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm. JUSTICE BARRETT: -- in the quo warranto 19 20 way. Wouldn't that be in some tension with 21 22 impeachment? He would be extracted from office 23 outside of the process of impeachment. Couldn't then 2.4 President Trump simply say, well, the only way to get 25 me out of office is the impeachment process and not

1 this quo warranto action? MR. MITCHELL: So I don't know how that 2 3 would play out because the quo warranto actions that 4 were brought that I'm aware of under the 1870 5 Enforcement Act were brought against state officials. 6 And Your Honor's impeachment hypothetical would apply 7 not only to the president but any federal --8 JUSTICE BARRETT: I know. 9 MR. MITCHELL: -- officer of the United 10 States. 11 JUSTICE BARRETT: I know. 12 MR. MITCHELL: So I don't know how that 13 played out in the courts and whether anyone ever 14 tried to argue that impeachment was the exclusive 15 remedy for removal --16 JUSTICE BARRETT: Well, I don't think 17 anybody did argue it. I guess what I'm asking is, you know, you said it's Congress's exclusive 18 19 province. 20 MR. MITCHELL: Yes. 21 JUSTICE BARRETT: And you also said that it 22 has to apply, you know, after one is holding office, 23 is elected. And I'm asking whether then the 24 implication of your argument is that Congress could 25 not enact such a provision that applied against

1	federal officeholders that were covered by Section 3
2	as opposed to state ones?
3	MR. MITCHELL: I believe they could. The
4	Impeachment Clause says that "the President, [the]
5	Vice President and all civil Officers of the United
6	States, shall be removed from office [upon]
7	Impeachment and Conviction." But it doesn't say
8	that's the only way you can remove them.
9	I mean, Congress can defund a position and
10	effectively, it's not the quite the same as formal
11	removal, but the other relevant precedent is Stuart
12	against Laird when the Jeffersonians repealed the
13	Midnight Judges Act and abolished all of these
14	positions for federal judges. And some people
15	thought that was unconstitutional because they
16	thought the only way you could eliminate federal
17	judges was through impeachment, but Chief Justice
18	Marshall upheld that statute.
19	So that to me is a relevant precedent
20	showing that impeachment is not the only way to get
21	rid of a federal official.
22	JUSTICE BARRETT: Okay. Let me just ask
23	one question, and this is just a point of
24	clarification.
25	Does President Trump have any kind of due

1 process right here? I mean, I'm -- I'm wondering, 2 this kind of goes not to the cause of action point or 3 the preemption point but more to the question of what 4 procedures he might have been entitled to. You don't 5 make the argument that he was entitled to any, nor 6 did I see the argument that he had any kind of 7 constitutionally protected right to ballot access so that he was, you know, constitutionally entitled to 8 9 an opportunity to be heard. Is that right? MR. MITCHELL: We -- we made --10 11 JUSTICE BARRETT: He had no due process 12 right? 13 MR. MITCHELL: We made that argument below. 14 We did not make that in our briefs to this Court for 15 several reasons. I mean, Your Honor's, I think, 16 suggesting and this is correct that the proceedings 17 below, to put it charitably, were highly irregular. JUSTICE BARRETT: Well, I wasn't suggesting 18 19 that. I was just asking --MR. MITCHELL: I'm sorry. The question --20 21 JUSTICE BARRETT: Yeah. 22 MR. MITCHELL: -- seems to suggest that 23 there might be due process issues. But we didn't 2.4 develop that argument in this Court for several 25 reasons. Winning on due process doesn't really do as

1	much for our client as the other arguments that we've
2	made because that would be a ruling specific to this
3	particular proceeding in the State of Colorado and
4	would leave the door open for Colorado to continue on
5	remand to exclude him from the ballot.
6	JUSTICE BARRETT: Okay. Thank you.
7	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Jackson?
8	JUSTICE JACKSON: Going back to whether the
9	presidency is one of the barred offices, I I guess
10	I'm a little surprised at your response to Justice
11	Kagan because I thought that the history of the
12	Fourteenth Amendment actually provides the reason for
13	why the presidency may not be included.
14	And by that, I mean I didn't see any
15	evidence that the presidency was top of mind for the
16	Framers when they were drafting Section 3 because
17	they were actually dealing with a different issue.
18	The pressing concern, at least as I see the
19	historical record, was actually what was going on at
20	lower levels of the government, the possible
21	infiltration and embedding of insurrectionists into
22	the state government apparatus and the real risk that
23	former Confederates might return to power in the
24	South via state-level elections either in local
25	offices or as representatives of the states in

1	Congress. And that's a very different lens.
2	Your concern is trying to make sure that
3	these people don't come back through the state
4	apparatus and control the government in that
5	direction seems to me very different than the worry
6	that an insurrectionist will seize control of the
7	entire national government through the presidency.
8	And so I just am surprised that you would
9	given the text of this the the provision and
10	the historical context that seems to demonstrate that
11	their concern or their focus was not about the
12	presidency, I just don't understand why you're giving
13	that argument up.
14	MR. MITCHELL: There there is some
15	evidence to suggest that, Justice Jackson, but
16	JUSTICE JACKSON: Is there any evidence to
17	suggest that the presidency was what they were
18	focused on?
19	MR. MITCHELL: There is some evidence of
20	that. There were people saying we don't want
21	Jefferson Davis to be elected president, and there
22	was also one of the drafts of Section 3
23	specifically mentioned the presidency and the vice
24	presidency
25	JUSTICE JACKSON: But it wasn't the

1	MR. MITCHELL: as an office.
2	JUSTICE JACKSON: but it wasn't the
3	final enactment. So where do we
4	MR. MITCHELL: It it wasn't the final
5	it wasn't
6	JUSTICE JACKSON: Right.
7	MR. MITCHELL: Yes. I'm sorry. It wasn't
8	the final enactment, but it does show that there was
9	some concern by some people about Confederate
10	insurrectionists ascending to the presidency.
11	And we didn't want to make a law office
12	history type argument where we just look at the
13	historical evidence and pick the evidence that we
14	like and interpret it tendentiously because the other
15	side can come back with us and throw this
16	countervailing evidence back in our face.
17	So we wanted to focus more on the text of
18	the Constitution because this was ultimately a
19	compromise provision that was enacted in Section 3,
20	and
21	JUSTICE JACKSON: All right. Let me ask
22	you another question
23	MR. MITCHELL: Mm-hmm.
24	JUSTICE JACKSON: about the states
25	because you have forcefully made an argument about

1 the states not being able to enforce Section 3. 2 So, if we agree with you on that, what 3 happens next? I mean, I thought you also wanted us 4 to end the litigation. So is there a possibility that this case continues in federal court if that's 5 6 our conclusion? 7 MR. MITCHELL: I don't see how it could 8 unless Congress were to enact a statute in response 9 to this Court's decision. 10 JUSTICE JACKSON: So your point is that it 11 would -- we would have to say congressional enacting 12 legislation is necessary for either state or federal 13 enforcement? 14 MR. MITCHELL: That's correct. 15 JUSTICE JACKSON: All right. Final 16 question. The Colorado Supreme Court concluded that 17 the violent attempts of the Petitioner's supporters in this case to halt the count on January 6th 18 19 qualified as an insurrection as defined by Section 3. 20 And I read your opening brief to accept 21 that those events counted as an insurrection, but 22 then your reply seemed to suggest that they were not. 23 So what -- what is your position as to 2.4 that? 25 MR. MITCHELL: Oh, we -- we never accepted

1 or conceded in our opening brief that this was an 2 insurrection. What we said in our opening brief was 3 President Trump did not engage in any act that can plausibly be characterized as insurrection because he 4 5 did not engage --6 JUSTICE JACKSON: All right. So why would 7 this not be an -- what is your argument that it's not 8 -- your reply brief says that it wasn't because, I 9 think, you say, it did not involve an organized 10 attempt to overthrow the government. So --11 MR. MITCHELL: Right. That's one of many 12 reasons. But, for an insurrection, there needs to be 13 an organized, concerted effort to overthrow the 14 government of the United States through violence. 15 And this riot that occurred --16 JUSTICE JACKSON: So your point is that a 17 chaotic effort to overthrow the government is not an insurrection? 18 MR. MITCHELL: No, we didn't concede that 19 20 it's an effort to overthrow the government either, 2.1 Justice Jackson. Right. None of these criteria were This was a riot. It was not an insurrection. 22 23 The events were shameful, criminal, violent, all of 2.4 those things, but it did not qualify as insurrection 25 as that term is used in Section 3 --

1	JUSTICE JACKSON: Thank you.
2	MR. MITCHELL: because thanks.
3	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.
4	MR. MITCHELL: Thank you.
5	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Mr. Murray.
6	ORAL ARGUMENT OF JASON C. MURRAY
7	ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENTS ANDERSON, ET AL.
8	MR. MURRAY: Mr. Chief Justice, and may it
9	please the Court:
10	We are here because, for the first time
11	since the War of 1812, our nation's Capitol came
12	under violent assault. For the first time in
13	history, the attack was incited by a sitting
14	president of the United States to disrupt the
15	peaceful transfer of presidential power.
16	By engaging in insurrection against the
17	Constitution, President Trump disqualified himself
18	from public office. As we heard earlier, President
19	Trump's main argument is that this Court should
20	create a special exemption to Section 3 that would
21	apply to him and to him alone. He says Section 3
22	disqualifies all oath-breaking insurrectionists,
23	except a former president who never before held other
24	state or federal office.
25	There is no possible rationale for such an

1	exemption, and the Court should reject the the
2	the claim that the Framers made an extraordinary
3	mistake. Section 3 uses deliberately broad language
4	to cover all positions of federal power requiring an
5	oath to the Constitution.
6	My friend relies on a claimed difference
7	between "an office under" and "an officer of the
8	United States," but this case does not come down to
9	mere prepositions. The two phrases are two sides of
10	the same coin, referring to any federal office or to
11	anyone who holds one.
12	President Trump's other arguments for
13	reversal ignore the constitutional role of the states
14	in running presidential elections. Under Article II
15	and the Tenth Amendment, states have the power to
16	ensure that their citizens' electoral votes are not
17	wasted on a candidate who is constitutionally barred
18	from holding office.
19	States are allowed to safeguard their
20	ballots by excluding those who are under age,
21	foreign-born, running for a third presidential term,
22	or, as here, those who have engaged in insurrection
23	against the Constitution, in violation of their oath.
24	I welcome the Court's questions.
25	JUSTICE THOMAS: Do you have

1	contemporaneous examples and by contemporaneous, I
2	mean shortly after the adoption of the Fourteenth
3	Amendment where the states disqualified national
4	candidates, not its own candidates, but national
5	candidates?
6	MR. MURRAY: The only example I can think
7	of, Justice Thomas, is the example of governor of
8	of Congressman Christy, who was elected in Georgia
9	in I believe 1868, and the governor of Georgia
10	refused or or declined to certify the
11	results of that election because Mr. Christy was
12	disqualified.
13	But I think it's it's not surprising
14	that there are few examples because we didn't have
15	ballots in the same way back then. Candidates were.
16	Either write-in or or they were party
17	ballots, so the states didn't run the ballots in the
18	same way, and there wouldn't have been a process for
19	determining before an election whether a candidate
20	was qualified, unlike the processes that we have now
21	that states have created under their Article I and
22	Article II powers to run elections.
23	JUSTICE THOMAS: But it would seem that
24	particularly after Reconstruction and after the
25	Compromise of 1877 and during the period of Redeemers

1 that you would have that kind of conflict. 2 were a plethora of Confederates still around. were any number of people who would continue to 3 4 either run for state offices or national offices. So it would seem -- it -- that would 5 6 suggest that there would at least be a few examples 7 of national candidates being disqualified if your reading is correct. 8 9 MR. MURRAY: Well, there were certainly 10 national candidates who were disqualified by Congress 11 refusing to seat them. 12 JUSTICE THOMAS: No, I understand that, but 13 that's not this case. I'm talking -- did states 14 disqualify them? That's what we're talking about 15 here. I understand Congress would not seat them. 16 MR. MURRAY: Other than the example I gave, 17 no, but, again, Your Honor, that -- that's not surprising because there wouldn't have been -- states 18 19 certainly wouldn't have the authority to remove a 20 sitting federal officer. 21 JUSTICE THOMAS: So what's the purpose of 22 the -- what was the purpose of the -- of Section 3? 23 The states were sending people -- the -- the concern 2.4 was that the former Confederate states would continue 25 being bad actors, and the effort was to prevent them

1 from doing this. 2 And you're saying that, well, this also 3 authorized states to disqualify candidates. So what 4 I'm asking you for, if you are right, what are the 5 examples? 6 MR. MURRAY: Well, Your Honor, the examples 7 are states excluded many candidates for state office, individuals holding state offices. We have a number 8 9 of published cases of states concerning that. 10 JUSTICE THOMAS: I understand that. I -- I 11 understand the states controlling state elections and 12 state positions. What we are talking about here are national candidates. 13 14 The -- I understand. You look at Foner or 15 Foote, Shelby Foote, or McPherson, they all talk 16 about, of course, the conflict after the Civil War, 17 and there were people who felt very strongly about retaliating against the South, the radical 18 19 Republicans, but they did not think about authorizing 20 the South to disqualify national candidates. 21 And that's the argument you're making, and 22 what I would like to know is you give -- is do you 23 have any examples of this? 2.4 MR. MURRAY: Many of those historians have 25 filed briefs in our support in this case, making the

1	point that the the the idea of the Fourteenth
2	Amendment was that both states and the federal
3	government would ensure rights and that if states
4	failed to do so, the federal government certainly
5	would also step in.
6	But I think the reason why there aren't
7	examples of states doing this is an idiosyncratic one
8	of the fact that elections worked differently back
9	then. States have a background power under Article
LO	II and the Tenth Amendment to run presidential
L1	elections. They didn't use that power to police
L2	ballot access until about the 1890s. And by the
L3	1890s, everyone had received amnesty and these issues
L4	had become moot. So I don't think the history tells
L5	us
L6	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Counsel, I'd like
L7	to sort of look at Justice Thomas's question sort of
L8	from the 30,000-foot level. I mean, the whole point
L9	of the Fourteenth Amendment was to restrict state
20	power, right? States shall not abridge privilege of
21	immunity, they won't deprive people of property
22	without due process, they won't deny equal
23	protection. And on the other hand, it augmented
24	federal power under Section 5. Congress has the
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1	So wouldn't that be the last place that
2	you'd look for authorization for the states,
3	including Confederate states, to enforce
4	implicitly authorize to enforce the presidential
5	election process? That that seems to be a
6	position that is at at war with the whole thrust
7	of the Fourteenth Amendment and very ahistorical.
8	MR. MURRAY: No, Your Honor. First, we
9	would locate the states' authority to run
LO	presidential elections not in the Fourteenth
L1	Amendment but in Article II. And that power is
L2	nearly plenary to determine the means
L3	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Yeah, but you're
L4	relying on you have no reliance on Section 3, is
L5	that what you're saying?
L6	MR. MURRAY: No, Your Honor. Certainly, we
L7	have reliance on Section 3 insofar as Article II
L8	gives states this broad power to determine how their
L9	electors are selected, and that broad power implies
20	the narrower power to enforce federal constitutional
21	qualifications like Section 3.
22	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, but the
23	narrower power you're looking for is the power of
24	disqualification, right? That is a very specific
25	power in the Fourteenth Amendment. And you're saying

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                 MR. MURRAY: We would say that nothing in
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        the Fourteenth Amendment takes away from the states
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        their broad and nearly plenary power to determine the
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        they see fit. As this Court said in Chiafalo, that
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        power and certainly to restrict state power in some
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        ways, but states are bound to enforce and apply, for
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                 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: -- "greater includes
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        the lesser" argument. The -- the states have the
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        power, the legislature has the power to choose
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        electors. Granted. But just because there's one
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        authorized means in the Constitution to a particular
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        end does not mean that there's any means to that end.
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1	And so I think you're taking that electors
2	argument and bringing it into Section 3, where, as
3	the Chief Justice says, there's just no and
4	Justice Thomas, there's no historical evidence to
5	support kind of the theory of Section 3, nor the
6	overall to explain the overall structure of of
7	the Fourteenth Amendment.
8	MR. MURRAY: We certainly have a long
9	history in this country of states using their power
10	to determine the manner of selecting presidential
11	electors to enforce other qualifications in the
12	Constitution. I don't I don't take it there's a
13	great debate about whether or not states are allowed
14	to exclude underaged or foreign-born candidates or,
15	if President Bush or Obama wanted to run for a third
16	term, that they could be excluded under that broad
17	Article II power.
18	I don't see why Section 3 should be treated
19	any differently. Section 3 speaks in the same
20	mandatory terms.
21	JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Well, when you look at
22	at Section 3, the term "insurrection" jumps out,
23	and the question is the questions are: What does
24	that mean? How do you define it? Who decides? Who
25	decides whether someone engaged in it? What

1	processes as Justice Barrett alluded to, what
2	processes are appropriate for figuring out whether
3	someone did engage in that?
4	And that's all what Chief Justice Chase
5	focused on a year after the Fourteenth Amendment to
6	say these are difficult questions and you look right
7	at Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment, as the
8	Chief Justice said, and that tells you Congress has
9	the primary role here.
10	I think what's different is is the
11	processes, the definition, who decides questions
12	really jump out at you when you look at Section 3.
13	MR. MURRAY: Cert
14	JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Your response to that?
15	MR. MURRAY: Well, certainly, Justice
16	Kavanaugh, there has to be some process for
17	determining those questions, and then the question
18	becomes, does anything in the Fourteenth Amendment
19	say that only Congress can create that process? And
20	and Section 5 very clearly is not an exclusive
21	provision. It says Congress shall have power. And
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23	JUSTICE KAGAN: But maybe put most baldly,
24	I think that the question that you have to confront
25	is why a single state should decide who gets to be

1 president of the United States. In other words, you 2 know, this question of whether a former president is 3 disqualified for insurrection to be president again 4 is, you know, just say it, it sounds awfully national So whatever means there are to enforce it 5 to me. 6 would suggest that they have to be federal, national 7 means. Why does -- you know, if you weren't from 8 9 Colorado and you were from Wisconsin or you were from Michigan and it really -- you know, what the Michigan 10 11 secretary of state did is going to make the 12 difference between, you know, whether Candidate A is 13 elected or Candidate B is elected, I mean, that seems 14 quite extraordinary, doesn't it? 15 MR. MURRAY: No, Your Honor, because, 16 ultimately, it's this Court that's going to decide 17 that question of federal constitutional eligibility and settle the issue for the nation. And -- and, 18 19 certainly, it's not unusual that questions of 20 national importance come up through a particular 21 state. 22 JUSTICE KAGAN: Well, I suppose --23 JUSTICE BARRETT: Well --2.4 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- this Court would be 25 saying something along the lines of that a state has

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        asking you to go a little bit further in saying why
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        should that be the right rule. Why should a single
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        only for their own citizens but for the rest of the
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                MR. MURRAY: Because Article II gives them
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        the power to -- to appoint their own electors as they
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        see fit. But, if they're going to use a federal
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        determinant, then it's creating a federal
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        constitutional question that then this Court decides
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        affirms the decision below, determining that
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        President Trump is ineligible to be president, other
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        states would still have to determine what effect that
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        would have on their own state's law and state
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        procedure --
                 JUSTICE BARRETT: Well, I mean, if we --
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                MR. MURRAY: -- in terms of ballot access.
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                 JUSTICE BARRETT: -- if we affirmed and we
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        said he was ineligible to be president, yes, maybe
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        some states would say, well, you know, we're going to
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       keep him on the ballot anyway, but, I mean, really,
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        thing because this Court will decide it.
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                 You say that we have to review Colorado's
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        factual record with clear error as the standard of
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        state, here, Colorado, we're stuck with that record.
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        whether the -- the record -- I mean, maybe the record
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        is great, but what if the record wasn't? I mean,
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        what if it wasn't a fulsome record? What if, you
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        know, the -- the hearsay rules are, you know,
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        one-offs? Or what if this is just made by the
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        secretary of state without much process at all?
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        that just kind of buckle back into this point that
        Justice Kagan was making, you know, that -- that we
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        made with Mr. Mitchell too that it just doesn't seem
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        like a state call?
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                 MR. MURRAY: Three points, Your Honor.
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        first is that ordinarily, of course, this Court
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        reviews factual findings for clear error, but
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        President Trump made the point in -- in his reply
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        brief that sometimes on constitutional questions that
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1 require a uniform resolution, this Court can do more, 2 something more like a Bose Corp. style independent review of the factual record. 3 And we would have no objection to that 4 given that the record here -- really -- really, the 5 6 facts that are disputed here are incredibly narrow. 7 The essence of our case is President Trump's own statements that he made in public view for all to 8 9 see. 10 JUSTICE BARRETT: But then that's saying 11 that in this context, which is very high stakes, if 12 we review the facts essentially de novo, you want us 13 all to just watch the video of the Ellipse and then 14 make a decision without any deference to or guidance 15 from lower court fact finding? That's unusual. MR. MURRAY: Well, ultimately, President 16 17 Trump himself urges this Court to decide the merits of his eligibility on the factual record here at page 18 2 of his brief. He's never at any point in this 19 proceeding suggested there was something else that 20 2.1 needed to be in the factual record, any other 22 witnesses that he wanted to call to present his case. 23 And, again, the essence of our case is his 24 own statements and -- and -- and, in particular, his 25 own videotaped statements on the Ellipse --

1	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Mr. Murray, just to
2	circle back to I'm sorry to interrupt. But I
3	wanted to before we left it, I wanted to circle
4	back to where Justice Kagan was.
5	Do you agree that the state's powers here
6	over its ballot for federal officer election have to
7	come from some constitutional authority?
8	MR. MURRAY: Members of this Court have
9	disagreed about that.
10	JUSTICE GORSUCH: I'm asking you.
11	(Laughter.)
12	MR. MURRAY: The the majority of this
13	Court has said that those powers come from Article
14	II. But we think that the result is the same whether
15	the Court locates it in Article II or in a reserved
16	power under the Tenth Amendment.
17	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Okay. But but you
18	accept that this Court has held, you're not
19	contesting this or asking us to revisit that decision
20	in Thornton or Term Limits or whatever you want to
21	call it that it has to come from some federal
22	constitutional authority?
23	MR. MURRAY: No, we are not, Your Honor.
24	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Okay. And and and,
25	here, we're not talking about the Qualifications

Clause, right? Nobody's talking about whether he's 1 2 35 years old or a natural born, whatever, right, not 3 -- not at issue, okay? 4 We're talking about something under the 5 Fourteenth Amendment and Section 3, so that's where 6 you have to find your authority, right? 7 MR. MURRAY: We find our authority in 8 Article II in states' plenary power to run their 9 elections. JUSTICE GORSUCH: Federal election -- but 10 11 this is for a federal office. It has to come from 12 the Constitution. And you're seeking to enforce 13 Section 3? 14 MR. MURRAY: We're suggesting that in their 15 broad power to determine the -- to select 16 presidential electors in any manner they see fit, 17 they can take account of Section 3 and apply Section 3 --18 19 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Could they do it without 20 Section 3? Could they disqualify somebody for -- you 21 -- you know, on whatever basis they wanted outside of 22 the Qualifications Clause? 23 MR. MURRAY: That would run into Term 24 Limits, I think, Your Honor. 25 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Yeah, I would think so,

1 right? So it has to come back to Section 3. And if 2 that's true, how does that work given that Section 3 3 speaks about holding office, not who may run for 4 office. It was a point Mr. Mitchell was making 5 earlier and I just wanted to give you a chance to 6 respond to it because it seems to me that -- that, 7 you know, that -- that you're asking to enforce in an election -- context a provision of the Constitution 8 9 that speaks to holding office. So it's different than the Qualifications Clause, which is all about 10 11 who can run and then serve, yeah. 12 MR. MURRAY: I -- I don't know that it is 13 different. 14 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Okay. 15 MR. MURRAY: Other qualifications for 16 office similarly talk about eligibility for the 17 office. There's nothing unconstitutional about a 30-year-old trying to get on the ballot. 18 19 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Except for this disability can be removed, right, under Section 3. 20 2.1 That's what's different about it. So thoughts on 22 that? 23 MR. MURRAY: Well, the fact that there's an 2.4 extraordinary provision for removing the disability 25 does not negate the fact that the disability exists

Τ	today and it's existed since January 6th, 2021, when
2	President Trump engaged in insurrection against the
3	Constitution.
4	JUSTICE GORSUCH: So were his actions after
5	that date, before he left office, ultra vires? Is
6	that is that the where your theory leads?
7	MR. MURRAY: Well, that would raise the
8	separate question of whether one can collaterally
9	attack the actions of a de facto officer. And that
LO	may be the one place in Griffin's Case at the very
L1	end where we would agree, which is which is when
L2	Justice Chase said, I've talked to my Supreme Court
L3	colleagues and we unanimously agree that you can't
L4	collaterally attack all official actions of an
L5	officer who's holding who's, in fact, holding the
L6	position under Section
L7	JUSTICE GORSUCH: All right. But but
L8	just circle back to where we started, right? That
L9	this is Section 3. Your authority has to come from
20	there. And it's about holding office and it's a
21	particular kind of disability that can be removed by
22	Congress and it's the only one like that, right?
23	They can't remove age or citizenship.
24	How should that inform our thoughts about a
25	state's efforts to regulate the ballot for a federal

1	office?
2	MR. MURRAY: The colloquy that my friend
3	had with Justice Alito earlier, I think, is
4	illustrative here. The fact that Congress has an
5	extraordinary removal power does not negate that the
6	disability exists today and exists indefinitely into
7	the future, much like the fact that Congress that
8	the president can pardon somebody for a criminal
9	conviction doesn't make that conviction somehow
10	somehow contingent.
11	And and I would note that if President
12	Trump were appointed to an office today, if he were
13	appointed as a state judge, he could not hold that
14	office, which shows that the disability exists now.
15	And and the fact that Congress has a
16	power to remove the disability doesn't negate the
17	present qualification, nor does it implicitly bestow
18	on President Trump a constitutional right to run for
19	offices that he cannot hold in violation of state law
20	and state procedure under Article II.
21	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: In fact, there was a
22	a congressional action to permit Confederate officers
23	or people who supported the Confederacy to hold
24	office before the Fourteenth Amendment, correct? So
25	there must have been a thought that there was a a

1 preexisting disqualification. 2 MR. MURRAY: That's absolutely right. 3 There were a flood of amnesty requests even before 4 Section 3 went into effect because everybody 5 understood at the time that those people would be 6 disqualified the moment that Section 3 was enacted 7 forever unless they received amnesty. 8 JUSTICE JACKSON: Can I --9 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Counsel, what do 10 you do with the -- what I -- would seem to me to be 11 plain consequences of your position? If -- if 12 Colorado's position is upheld, surely, there will be disqualification proceedings on the other side, and 13 14 some of those will succeed. Some of them will have different standards 15 16 of proof. Some of them will have different rules 17 about evidence. Maybe the Senate report won't be accepted in others because it's hearsay. Maybe it's 18 19 beyond a reasonable doubt, whatever. 20 In very quick order, I would expect, 21 although my predictions have never been correct --22 (Laughter.) 23 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: -- I would expect 2.4 that, you know, a goodly number of states will say, 25 whoever the Democratic candidate is, you're off the

1 ballot, and others for the Republican candidate, 2 you're off the ballot. It'll come down to just a 3 handful of states that are going to decide the presidential election. That's a pretty daunting 4 5 consequence. 6 MR. MURRAY: Well, certainly, Your Honor, 7 the fact that there are potential frivolous 8 applications of a constitutional provision isn't a 9 reason that would --CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, no, hold on. 10 11 I mean, you might think they're frivolous, but the 12 people who are bringing them may not think they're 13 frivolous. Insurrection is a broad, broad term, and 14 if there's some debate about it, I suppose that will 15 go into the decision and then, eventually, what, we 16 would be deciding whether it was an insurrection when 17 one president did something as opposed to when somebody else did something else? And what do we do? 18 Do we wait until near the time of counting the 19 ballots and sort of go through which states are valid 20 2.1 and which states aren't? 22 MR. MURRAY: There's a reason Section 3 has 23 been dormant for 150 years, and it's because we 24 haven't seen anything like January 6th since 25 Reconstruction.

1	Insurrection against the Constitution is
2	something extraordinary. And
3	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: It seems to me
4	you're avoiding the question, which is other states
5	may have different views about what constitutes
6	insurrection.
7	And now you're saying, well, it's all right
8	because somebody, presumably us, are going to decide,
9	well, they said they thought that was an
10	insurrection, but they were wrong. And maybe they
11	thought it was right. And we'd have to develop rules
12	for what constitutes an insurrection.
13	MR. MURRAY: Yes, Your Honor. Just like
14	this Court interprets other constitutional
15	provisions, this Court can make clear that an
16	insurrection against the Constitution is something
17	extraordinary.
18	And, in particular, it really requires a
19	concerted group effort to resist through violence not
20	some ordinary application of state or federal law but
21	the functions mandated by the Constitution itself.
22	JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: On on your point
23	that it's been dormant for 155 years, I think the
24	other side would say the reason for that is Chief
25	Justice Chase's opinion in 1869 in Griffin's Case to

1	start, which says that Congress has the authority
2	here, not the states. That's followed up by the
3	Enforcement Act of 1870, in which Congress acts upon
4	that understanding, which is followed and there's
5	no history contrary in that period, as Justice Thomas
6	pointed out, there's no history contrary in all the
7	years leading up to this of states exercising such
8	authority.
9	I think the reason it's been dormant is
10	because there's been a settled understanding that
11	Chief Justice Chase, even if not right in every
12	detail, was essentially right, and the branches of
13	the government have acted under that settled
14	understanding for 155 years.
15	And Congress can change that. And Congress
16	does have Section 2383, of course, the Insurrection
17	Act, a criminal statute. But Congress could change
18	it, but they have not in the 155 years in relevant
19	respects for what you want here today at least.
20	MR. MURRAY: No, Justice Kavanaugh. The
21	reason why it's been dormant is because, by 1876,
22	essentially, all former Confederates had received
23	amnesty. And we haven't seen anything like an
24	insurrection since then.
25	I'd like to address your point

1	JUSTICE ALITO: Well, you know, we didn't
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3	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Can I go to that
4	point can
5	JUSTICE ALITO: after the
6	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Sorry.
7	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Alito?
8	JUSTICE ALITO: I don't know how much we
9	can infer from the fact that we haven't seen anything
10	like this before and therefore conclude that we're
11	never we're not going to see something in the
12	future.
13	From the time of the impeachment of
14	President Johnson until the impeachment of President
15	Clinton more than a hundred years later, there were
16	no impeachments of presidents, and in fairly short
17	order, over the last couple of decades, we've had
18	three. So I I don't know how much you can infer
19	from that.
20	MR. MURRAY: Certainly, but if this Court
21	affirms, this Court can write an opinion that
22	emphasizes how extraordinary insurrection against the
23	Constitution is and how rare that is because it
24	requires an assault not just on the application of
2.5	law but on constitutionally mandated functions

1	themselves, like we saw on January 6th, a coordinated
2	attempt to to disrupt a function mandated by the
3	Twelfth Amendment and essential to constitutional
4	transfer of presidential power.
5	JUSTICE ALITO: Well, let me ask you a
6	question about whether the power that you've
7	described as plenary really is plenary.
8	Suppose that the outcome of an election for
9	president comes down to the vote of a single state,
10	how the electors of the vote of a single state are
11	going to vote. And suppose that Candidate A gets a
12	majority of the votes in that state, but the
13	legislature really doesn't like Candidate A, thinks
14	Candidate A is an insurrectionist, so the legislature
15	then passes a law ordering its electors to vote for
16	the other candidate.
17	Do you think the state has that power?
18	MR. MURRAY: I think there may be
19	principles that that come into play in terms of
20	after the people have voted that Congress that the
21	state can't change the rules midstream. I'm I'm
22	not sure because I'm not aware of this Court
23	addressing it. And, certainly, as the
24	JUSTICE ALITO: Well, let's change it so
25	that it's not after the election; it's three days

Τ	before the election based on the fact that the polls
2	in that state look bad. Can they do it?
3	MR. MURRAY: I think they probably could
4	under this Court's decision in Chiafalo, where this
5	Court emphasized that for much of American history,
6	state legislatures picked their their own electors
7	and assigned their own electors themselves. But, of
8	course, that would be much more extraordinary than
9	what we have here, which is simple application of
10	normal state ballot access principles to say that
11	we're only going to put on the ballot an individual
12	who is qualified to assume the office.
13	JUSTICE ALITO: Can I ask you again the
14	question that Justice Gorsuch asked, and you to
15	which you responded by citing the de facto officer
16	doctrine. But suppose we look at that going forward
17	rather than judging the validity of an act committed
18	between the time when a president allegedly engages
19	in an insurrection and the time when the president
20	leaves office.
21	During that interim period, would it be
22	lawful for military commanders and other officers to
23	disobey orders of the of the the president in
24	question?
25	MR. MURRAY: I'm not sure that anything

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        gives military officers the authority to adjudicate
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        effectively the -- the -- the legality of the
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       presidency.
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                JUSTICE GORSUCH: Why -- why -- why
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        -- why not? You say he's disqualified from the
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       moment it happens. Now I understand the de facto
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        officer doctrine might be used to prohibit people
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        from seeking judicial remedies for decisions that
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        take place after the date he was disqualified.
                But, if he is, in fact, disqualified, from
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        that moment, why would anybody have to obey a
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       direction from him?
                MR. MURRAY: Well, ultimately, there still
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       has to be some kind of procedure in place to
        adjudicate the disqualification. Certainly, Congress
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        could impeach a sitting president, but that's the
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        only remedy I'm aware of that exists for -- for
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        sitting president.
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                JUSTICE GORSUCH:
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                MR. MURRAY: Well, the --
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                JUSTICE GORSUCH:
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        from holding office. You say he is disqualified from
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       holding office from the moment it happens.
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                MR. MURRAY: Correct. But, nevertheless,
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                JUSTICE GORSUCH: So -- so it operates --
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        you say there's no -- no legislation necessary -- I
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        thought that was the whole theory of your case -- and
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        no procedure -- it happens automatically.
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                MR. MURRAY: Well, certainly, you need a
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        procedure in order to have any remedy to enforce the
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        disqualification, which is different --
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                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: I -- that's a whole
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        separate question. That's the de facto -- doesn't
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        work here, okay? Put that aside.
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                He's disqualified from the moment.
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        Self-executing, done. And I would think that a
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       person who would receive a direction from that
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       person -- president, former president in your view,
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        would be free to act as he or she wishes without
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        regard to that individual.
                MR. MURRAY: I don't think so because I
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        think, again, the --
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                JUSTICE GORSUCH: Why?
                MR. MURRAY: -- de facto officer doctrine
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        would nevertheless come into play to say this is the
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                JUSTICE GORSUCH: No, de facto -- that --
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1 that doesn't work, Mr. Murray, because de facto 2 officer is to ratify the conduct that's done 3 afterwards and -- and -- and insulate it from 4 judicial review. Put that aside. I'm not going to 5 say it again. Put it aside, okay? 6 I think Justice Alito is asking a very 7 different question, a more pointed one and more difficult one for you, I understand, but I think it 8 9 deserves an answer. On your theory, would anything compel a --10 11 a lower official to obey an order from, in your view, 12 the former president? 13 MR. MURRAY: I -- I'm imagining a situation 14 where, for example, a former president was -- you 15 know, a -- a president was elected and they were 25 16 and they were ineligible to hold office --17 JUSTICE GORSUCH: No. No. MR. MURRAY: -- but, nevertheless, they 18 19 were put into that office --20 JUSTICE GORSUCH: No. No. We're talking 21 about Section 3. 22 MR. MURRAY: And --23 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Please don't change the 24 hypothetical, okay? 25 MR. MURRAY: I'm --

1	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Please don't change the
2	hypothetical. I know. I like doing it too, but
3	please don't do it, okay?
4	MR. MURRAY: Well, the the point I'm
5	trying to make is that
6	JUSTICE GORSUCH: He's disqualified from
7	the moment he committed an insurrection, whoever it
8	is, which whichever party. It that that
9	happens. Boom. It happened.
10	What would compel and I'm not going to
11	say it again, so just try and answer the question.
12	If you don't have an answer, fair enough, we'll move
13	on. What would compel a lower official to obey an
14	order from that individual?
15	MR. MURRAY: Because, ultimately, we have
16	we have statutes and rules requiring chains of
17	command. The person is in the office, and even if
18	they don't have the authority to hold the office, the
19	only way to get someone out of the office of the
20	presidency is impeachment, and so I think, if you
21	interpreted Section 3 in light of other provisions in
22	the Constitution like impeachment, while they hold
23	office, impeachment's the only way to validate that
24	they don't have the ability to hold that office and
25	should be removed.

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                 JUSTICE JACKSON: Mr. Murray, can I -- oh.
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        Can I just ask you about something -- Justice Kagan
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        brought up earlier, which is the concern about
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        uniformity and the lack thereof if states are
        permitted to enforce Section 3 in presidential
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        elections, and I -- I guess I didn't really
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        understand your argument or your response to her
        about that.
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                MR. MURRAY: Well, certainly, if Congress
        is concerned about uniformity, they can provide for
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        legislation and they can preempt state legislation.
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                 JUSTICE JACKSON: Yes --
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                MR. MURRAY: But --
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                 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- but you say that's not
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       necessary.
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                MR. MURRAY:
                              But it's not necessary in the
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        absence of federal enforcement legislation.
        questions come up to this Court in the same way that
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        other federal questions come up to this Court, which
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        is that a state adjudicates them. If the state
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        hasn't provided sufficient process to comport with
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        due process and notice and opportunity to be heard,
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        one can make those challenges. But assuming, as
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        here, we have a full evidentiary record, an
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        opportunity to present evidence --
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1	JUSTICE JACKSON: No, I understand I
2	understand that we could resolve it so that we have a
3	uniform ultimate ruling on it.
4	I guess my question is why the Framers
5	would have designed a system that would could
6	result in interim disuniformity in this way, where we
7	have elections pending and different states suddenly
8	saying you're eligible, you're not, on the basis of
9	this kind of thing?
10	MR. MURRAY: Well, what they were concerned
11	most about was ensuring that insurrectionists and
12	rebels don't hold office. And so, once one
13	understands the sort of imperative that they had to
14	ensure that oath-breakers wouldn't take office, it
15	would be a little bit odd to say that states can't
16	enforce it, that only the federal government can
17	enforce it, and that Congress can essentially rip the
18	heart out of Section 3 by a simple majority just by
19	failing to pass enforcement legislation.
20	Federalism creates redundancy. And, here,
21	the fact that states have the ability to enforce it
22	as well, absent federal preemption, provides an
23	additional layer of safeguards around what really
24	Section 3
25	JUSTICE JACKSON: Yeah, and I'll

1	MR. MURRAY: supports.
2	JUSTICE JACKSON: ask you about the
3	history when I get a chance again. Thank you.
4	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.
5	Justice Thomas?
6	Justice Alito?
7	JUSTICE ALITO: Suppose there's a country
8	that proclaims again and again and again that the
9	United States is its biggest enemy and suppose that
LO	the president of the United States for diplomatic
L1	reasons think that it's in the best interests of the
L2	United States to provide funds or release funds that
L3	so that they can be used by that by that
L4	country.
L5	Could a state determine that that person
L6	has given aid and comfort to the enemy and,
L7	therefore, keep that person off the ballot?
L8	MR. MURRAY: No, Your Honor. This Court
L9	has never interpreted the aid and comfort language,
20	which also is present in the Treason Clause, but
21	commentators have suggested it's been rarely
22	applied because treason prosecutions are so rare, but
23	commentators have suggested that, first of all, that
24	aid and comfort really only applies in the context of
) 5	a dealared war or at least an advergarial

1	relationship where there is, in lact, a war between
2	two countries.
3	And and, second, the intent standard
4	would do a lot of work there because, under Section
5	3, whatever the underlying conduct is, engaging in
6	insurrection or aid and comfort, has to be done with
7	the intent to further the unlawful purpose of the
8	insurrection or or to aid the enemies in their
9	pursuit of war against the United States.
10	JUSTICE ALITO: Now, let me come back to
11	the question of what we would do if we were if
12	different states had adjudicated the question of
13	whether former President Trump is an insurrectionist
14	using a different record, different rulings on the
15	admissibility of evidence, perhaps different
16	standards of proof. Then what would we do?
17	MR. MURRAY: Ultimately, this Court would
18	first of all, if there were deficiencies in the
19	record, the Court could either refuse to hear the
20	case or it could decide on the basis of deficiencies
21	of the record.
22	JUSTICE ALITO: Well, would we have to
23	decide what is the appropriate rule of evidence that
24	should be applied in this in this case? Would we
25	have to decide what is the appropriate standard of

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        proof? Would we give any deference to these findings
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        by state court judges, some of whom may be elected?
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        Would we have to have our own trial?
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                 MR. MURRAY: No, Your Honor. This Court
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        takes the evidentiary record as it -- as it's given.
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        And, here, we have an evidentiary record that all the
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        parties agree is sufficient for a decision in -- in
        this case.
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                 And then, as -- as I discussed earlier,
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        there's a possibility of a Bose Corp. independent
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        review of the facts, but, ultimately, what we have
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       here is an insurrection that was incited in plain
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        sight for all to see.
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: Yeah, but that -- you're
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        really not answering my question. It's not helpful
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        if you don't do that.
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                 We have -- suppose we have two different
        records, two different bodies of evidence, two
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        different rulings on questions of admissibility, two
        different standards of proof, two different sets of
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        fact findings by two different judges or maybe
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        multiple judges in multiple states.
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                 Then what do we do?
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                 MR. MURRAY: Well, first, this Court would
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        set the legal standard, and then it would decide
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        which view of the record was -- was correct, I think,
        under that -- if -- if this Court had two cases --
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: Which view of -- which view
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        of what record?
                MR. MURRAY: If this Court --
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: Of which record?
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                MR. MURRAY: If this Court had two cases
       before it and both of the records were sufficient
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        insofar as both sides had the opportunity to present
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        their case and -- and the essential facts in the
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        record that everyone agreed was sufficient for a
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        decision, then this Court would have to look at
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        the -- the evidence -- the evidence presented and
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        decide which -- which holding was correct and then
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        decide that issue for the country.
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                 And, certainly, here, when -- when there is
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        a complete record, lower courts then will be applying
        that decision, and I think it's unlikely that any
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        court would say we're going to reach a different
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        decision than the U.S. Supreme Court did,
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        particularly if the Court relies on the facts, the
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        indisputable facts, of what President Trump said on
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        video and in his Twitter feed, which is really the
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        essence of our case here.
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: Well, you had an expert --
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1	just take let's just take that example had an
2	expert testify about the meaning of what President
3	Trump said. But do you do you think it's possible
4	that a different state court would apply Daubert
5	differently and say that this person should not be
6	allowed to express an expert opinion on that
7	question? Do you think that's beyond the realm of
8	imagination?
9	MR. MURRAY: Not not at all, Your Honor.
10	Two points on that. Number one, President Trump
11	didn't appeal the admission of that evidence in this
12	case, but but, number two, you know, the second
13	point is that Professor Simi really he didn't
14	opine on the meaning of President Trump's words.
15	He opined on the effect that those words
16	had on violent extremists, and the essence of his
17	testimony was built around videotaped statements of
18	President Trump himself encouraging, inciting, and
19	praising political violence when
20	JUSTICE ALITO: Well, I I'm not taking a
21	position one way or the other about whether the
22	expert's testimony should have been admitted or
23	anything like that or the meaning of President
24	Trump's words.
25	I'm just trying to get you to grapple with

1	what some people have seen as the consequences of the
2	argument that you're advancing, which is that there
3	will be conflicts in decisions among the states, that
4	different states will disqualify different
5	candidates, but I I'm not getting a whole lot of
6	help from you about how this would not be an
7	unmanageable situation.
8	MR. MURRAY: If this Court writes an
9	opinion affirming on the basis of the indisputable
10	facts of what President Trump said on January 6th and
11	in the weeks leading up to it and his virtual
12	confession on Twitter after the fact, then it would
13	be reversible error for any other state to conclude
14	otherwise on that question of federal law, or or,
15	at the very least, this Court could address that when
16	those issues come up, but it seems unlikely.
17	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Sotomayor?
18	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: There's two sides to
19	to the other side's position. The first is that it's
20	not self-executing. I want to put that aside.
21	Deal with if we were to hold that states
22	don't have the right to enforce or create a cause of
23	action in this situation. They want the flip to say
24	that nobody even Congress can't do it because they
25	need implementing legislation. Address that

Τ	argument.
2	MR. MURRAY: That that
3	JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Because assume we rule
4	that states don't have it. What would you have us
5	say for the other side of the argument? One of my
6	colleagues says you need or what what not not
7	then Chief Justice but Circuit Court Justice Chase
8	said, which is that somehow you need implementing
9	legislation, like the 1870 Act.
10	You seem to say that's not true because
11	they could decide not to seat the seat a
12	candidate, et cetera. So I don't know that
13	legislation's necessary.
14	MR. MURRAY: And, certainly, there are
15	historical examples of member members of Congress
16	under their Article under Congress's Article I
17	power to judge the qualifications of its members, of
18	members of Congress refusing to seat ineligible
19	candidates under Section 3 who have won election.
20	In the context of the presidency, I think
21	it would create a number of really difficult issues
22	if the Court says there's no procedure for
23	determining President Trump's eligibility until after
24	the election.
25	And then what happens when members of

1	Congress on January 6th, when they count the
2	electoral votes, say we're not going to count
3	electoral votes cast for President Trump because he's
4	disqualified under Section 3 under the Electoral
5	Count Reform Act.
6	A number of the amicus briefs, such as
7	those of Professor Ginsberg, Hasen, and Foley, have
8	made the point that that is kind of a
9	disenfranchisement and constitutional crisis in the
10	making and is all the more reason to address those
11	issues now in a judicial process on a full
12	evidentiary record so that everybody can have
13	certainty on those issues before they go to the
14	polls.
15	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Kagan?
16	JUSTICE KAGAN: Mr. Murray, you talked
17	you relied on the states' extensive powers under the
18	Electors Clause. You talked about the states having
19	a role in enacting, you know, typical ballot access
20	provisions.
21	I I guess I guess, you know, it
22	strikes me that we've put some limits on that, and
23	I'll just give you Anderson versus Celebrezze as an
24	example of that, where we said, in fact, states are
25	limited in who they can take off a ballot, and that

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        was a case about minor party candidates, but the
        reason was that one state's decision to take a
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        candidate off the ballot affects everybody else's
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        rights.
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        interest in the selection of candidates for national
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        office. We talked about how an individual state's
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        decision would have an impact beyond its own borders.
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        So, if that goes for minor political party
        candidates, why doesn't it go a fortiori for the
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        situation in this case?
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                 MR. MURRAY: Well, certainly,
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        constitutional principles like Section 3 apply to
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        everybody, but in -- in Celebrezze, the issue there
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        was a First Amendment question, and, certainly,
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        there's no doubt that states' exercise of their power
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        under Article II is constrained by First Amendment
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        principles.
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                 And -- and in -- in that case, the -- the
        state law deadlines for when a minor party candidate
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        got on the ballot just came too soon to be reactive
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        to what major parties had done and, therefore, risked
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        disenfranchising people who were disillusioned with
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        who the major parties had picked, and it raised First
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        Amendment problems. Here, there's no real First
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        Amendment problem and -- and a state is just trying
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        to enforce an existing qualification that's baked
        into our constitutional fabric.
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                JUSTICE KAGAN: Yeah, I -- I -- I quess,
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        you know, it -- it did come up in the First
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        Amendment, but there's a broader principle there and
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        it's a broader principle about who has power over
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        certain things in our federal system, and, you know,
        within our federal system, states have great power
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        over many different areas. But that there's some
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       broader principle about that there are certain
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       national questions that -- that -- that -- that, you
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        -- you know, state -- where states are not the
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        repository of authority. And I took a lot -- First
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        Amendment, not First Amendment -- a lot of Anderson's
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        reasoning is really about that. Like, what's a state
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        doing deciding who gets to -- who other citizens get
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        to vote for for president?
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                MR. MURRAY: Colorado is not deciding who
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        other states get to vote for for president. It's
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        deciding how to assign its own electors under its
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        Article II power. And the Constitution grants them
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        that broad power as --
                JUSTICE KAGAN: Well, but the effect of
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        that is obvious, yes?
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1	MR. MURRAY: No, Your Honor, because
2	different states can have different procedures. Some
3	states may allow insurrectionists to be on the
4	ballot. They may say we're not looking past the
5	papers; we're not going to look into federal
6	constitutional questions. It's the sort of I
7	even in this election cycle, there are there are
8	candidates who are on the ballot in some states even
9	though they're not natural-born citizens and off the
10	ballot in other states. And that's just a function
11	of states' power to enforce to preserve their own
12	electors and avoid disenfranchisement of their own
13	citizens.
14	JUSTICE KAGAN: Thank you.
15	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Gorsuch?
16	JUSTICE GORSUCH: You haven't had a chance
17	to talk about the officer point, and I just want to
18	give you an opportunity to do that. Mr. Mitchell
19	makes the argument that particularly in the
20	Commissions Clause, for example, all officers are to
21	be commissioned by the president, seems to be
22	all-encompassing, that language. And I'm curious,
23	your response to that.
24	And along the way, if you would, I I
25	T T poked a little hit at the difference between

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        "office" and "officer" in the earlier discussion, you
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        may recall, but I -- I think one point your -- your
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        friends on the other side would make is, well, that's
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        just how the Constitution uses those terms. So, for
        example, we know that the President Pro Tem of the
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        Senate and the Speaker of the House are officers of
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        the United States because the Constitution says they
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        are, but we also know that they don't hold an office
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        under the United States because of the
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        Incompatibility Clause that says they can't.
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                 So maybe the Constitution to us today, to a
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        -- a lay reader, might look a little odd in
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        distinguishing between "office" and "officer," not
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        prepositions, nouns, a distinction, but maybe that's
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        exactly how it works. Thoughts?
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                MR. MURRAY: Well, I'd start with the idea
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        that the -- the meaning of "officer" in the 1780s was
        the same meaning that it has today, which is a person
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        who holds an office. And -- and, certainly, in
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        particular contexts like the Commissions Clause, it
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        -- it appears that that's referring -- you know, that
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        that is referring to a narrower class of officers
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        because we know that there are --
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                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Except it says "all."
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                MR. MURRAY: Well, we know that there are
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        classes of officers, like the President Pro Tem, who
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        -- who don't get their commissions from the
        president.
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                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Well, that's because the
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        Constitution elsewhere says that.
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                 MR. MURRAY: We know that the Appointments
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        Clause refers to a class of officers who get their
        appointment from the Constitution itself --
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                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Mm-hmm.
                 MR. MURRAY: -- rather than from
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        presidential appointment. People who get their
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        commissions from the president himself are not
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        commissioned by the president. And so, if you read
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        the Appointments Clause in line with the Commissions
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        Clause, then the Commissions Clause is really talking
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        about the president's power. If one needs a
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        commission, it's the president who grants it.
                 But I think it's important to bring us back
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        to Section 3 in particular because that was 80 years
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                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: But, before -- before we
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        get to that, though, just the distinction between
        "office" and "officer," do you -- do you agree that
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        the Constitution does make that distinction,
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        particularly with respect to the Speaker and
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Τ	President Pro Tem?
2	MR. MURRAY: The Constitution makes that
3	distinction, but the at least in Section 3, an
4	officer of the United States is a person who swears
5	an oath and holds an office. Now the President Pro
6	Tem and the Speaker of the House, they don't swear a
7	constitutional oath in that capacity. They swear a
8	constitutional oath if they are a senator or
9	representative in Congress in that separate
10	non-official capacity. But I think that narrow
11	JUSTICE GORSUCH: You agree they are
12	officers who don't hold an office?
13	MR. MURRAY: They're officers who who
14	may hold an office but don't swear an oath under
15	Article VI in that official capacity.
16	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Well, how can they hold
17	an office? Under the Incompatibility Clause, it says
18	they can't.
19	MR. MURRAY: Well, I I think that's a
20	fair point, and I think that that may be an exception
21	to the general rule, and one might consider them
22	perhaps officers of the House and Senate because they
23	are appointed by those bodies and preside over those
24	bodies.
25	JUSTICE GORSUCH: Well, no, the

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        Constitution says they're officers of the United
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        States -- so -- so there are some instances when you
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        have an officer but not an office?
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                 MR. MURRAY: Those may be an exceptional
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        circumstance.
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                 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Okay. Okay.
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                MR. MURRAY: But I would --
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                JUSTICE GORSUCH: Thank you.
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                MR. MURRAY: You're welcome.
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                CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Kavanaugh?
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                 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: The concerns of some
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        questions have been the states having such power over
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        a national office, other questions about the
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        different states having different standards of proof,
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        and they seem underscored by this case, at least the
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        dissenting opinion below. Justice Samour said,
        "[I've] been involved" -- "[I've] been involved in
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        the justice system for 33 years now, and what took
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        place here doesn't resemble anything I've seen in a
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        courtroom" and then added, "What transpired in this
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        litigation fell woefully short of what due process
        demands."
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                Now I don't know whether I agree or not.
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        I'm not going to take a position on that. But the --
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        the fact that someone's complaining not about the
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Τ	bottom-line conclusion but about the very processes
2	that were used in the state would seem to and that
3	that would be permitted seems to underscore the
4	concerns that have been raised about state power.
5	Just wanted to give you a chance to address that
6	because that was powerful language. Again, not
7	disagreeing about the conclusion but about the very
8	fairness of the process.
9	MR. MURRAY: Yes, Your Honor, but that
10	language was, with respect to Justice Samour, just
11	not correct. President Trump had a five-day trial in
12	this case. He had the opportunity to call any
13	witnesses that he wanted. He had the opportunity to
14	cross-examine our witnesses. He had the opportunity
15	to testify if he wanted to testify. And, of course,
16	the process was expedited because ballot access
17	decisions are always on a fast schedule.
18	But, in this whole case, from the trial
19	court all the way up to this Court, President Trump
20	has never identified a single process, other than
21	expert depositions, that he wanted to have that he
22	didn't get. He had the opportunity for fact witness
23	depositions. He had the opportunity to call
24	witnesses remotely. He didn't use all of his time at
25	trial. There was ample process here, and this is how

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        ballot access determinations in election cases are
        decided all the time.
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                 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Okay. Second question,
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        some of the rhetoric of your position -- I don't
        think it is your position, but some of the rhetoric
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        of your position seems to suggest, unless the states
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        can do this, no one can prevent insurrectionists from
        holding federal office. But, obviously, Congress has
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        enacted statutes, including one still in effect.
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        Section 2383 of Title 18 prohibits insurrection.
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        It's a federal criminal statute. And if you're
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        convicted of that, you are -- it says, "shall be
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        disqualified" from holding any office.
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                 And so there is a federal statute on the
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        books, but President Trump has not been charged with
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               So what -- what are we to make of that?
        that.
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                 MR. MURRAY: Two things, Your Honor.
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        Section 2383 was initially enacted about six years
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        before Section 3. It wasn't meant as implementing
        legislation related to Section 3. And I would
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        emphasize that by the time that Section 3 was
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        ratified, most Confederates had already received
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        criminal pardons.
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                 JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: I guess the question is
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Τ	MR. MURRAY: So
2	JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: a little bit
3	different, which is, if the concern you have, which I
4	understand, is that insurrectionists should not be
5	able to hold federal office, there is a tool to
6	ensure that that does not happen, namely, federal
7	prosecution of insurrectionists. And I and if
8	convicted, Congress made clear you are automatically
9	barred from holding a federal office. That tool
10	exists, you agree, and could be used but has not
11	could be used against someone who committed
12	insurrection. You agree with that?
13	MR. MURRAY: That's absolutely right, Your
14	Honor. But I would just make the point that the
15	Framers of Section 3 clearly understood that criminal
16	prosecutions weren't sufficient because oftentimes
17	insurrectionists go unpunished, as was the case in
18	the Civil War, and that the least we can do is impose
19	a civil disqualification penalty so that even if we
20	don't have the stomach to throw someone in jail
21	JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Well, they had the quo
22	warranto provision that was in effect then from 18
23	1870 until 1948, but then, obviously, that dropped
24	out and hasn't been seen as necessary since then.
25	Last question. In trying to figure out

Τ	what Section 3 means and kind of to the extent it's
2	elusive language or vague language, what about the
3	idea that we should think about democracy, think
4	about the right of the people to elect candidates of
5	their choice, of letting the people decide? Because
6	your position has the effect of disenfranchising
7	voters to a significant degree.
8	And should that be something does that
9	come in when we think about should we read Section 3
10	this way or read it that way? What about the
11	background principle, if you agree, of democracy?
12	MR. MURRAY: I'd like to make three points
13	on that, Justice Kavanaugh. The first is that
14	constitutional safeguards are for the purpose of
15	safeguarding our democracy not just for the next
16	election cycle but for generations to come.
17	And and, second, Section 3 is designed
18	to protect our democracy in that very way. The
19	Framers of Section 3 knew from painful experience
20	that those who had violently broken their oaths to
21	the Constitution couldn't be trusted to hold power
22	again because they could dismantle our constitutional
23	democracy from within, and so they created a
24	democratic safety valve. President Trump can go ask
25	Congress to give him amnesty by a two-thirds vote.

1	But, unless he does that, our constitution protects
2	us from insurrectionists.
3	And, third, this case illustrates the
4	danger of refusing to apply Section 3 as written
5	because the reason we're here is that President Trump
6	tried to disenfranchise 80 million Americans who
7	voted against him, and the Constitution doesn't
8	require that he be given another chance.
9	JUSTICE KAVANAUGH: Thank you.
10	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Barrett?
11	JUSTICE BARRETT: So the general rule is
12	that, absent rare circumstances, state courts and
13	federal courts share authority. State courts have
14	authority to enforce the Constitution, but there are
15	certain limits to that, certain situations in which
16	the Constitution itself preempts the states' ability
17	to resolve constitutional questions.
18	And, you know, Tarble's Case is one. And
19	you said earlier that once a president is elected,
20	you accepted that a state couldn't do anything about
21	that, like you couldn't Colorado couldn't enact
22	its own say quo warranto provision and then use it to
23	get the secretary of state or the president or anyone
24	else out of office, and I I assume that's because
25	of this principle of structural preemption

Τ	Am 1 right?
2	MR. MURRAY: Yes, Your Honor.
3	JUSTICE BARRETT: Okay. So I just want to
4	clarify what that means for your argument. That
5	means that your eggs are really in the basket of the
6	Electors Clause, really in the Article I basket,
7	because you're saying that even though all of the
8	questions that people have been asking have suggested
9	that there's a problem with giving a single state the
10	authority to render a decision that would have an
11	effect on a national election, but you're saying that
12	those structural concerns, which might otherwise lead
13	to the kind of result that you would accept after
14	someone is in office, are overcome by the Electors
15	Clause?
16	MR. MURRAY: Absolutely. States run
17	presidential elections. That's very clear from
18	Article II. Once states have selected the electors
19	and the electors have voted, states have no more
20	power over the the candidate who has been then
21	nominated for president. But, until then, the states
22	do have the power to adjudicate those issues.
23	JUSTICE BARRETT: Thank you.
24	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Jackson?
25	JUSTICE JACKSON: So, when I asked you

Τ	earlier about the uniformity concern and the
2	troubling potential disuniformity of having different
3	states enforce Section 3 with respect to presidential
4	elections, you seemed to point to history in a
5	certain way. You said, I think, that the Framers
6	actually envisioned states enforcing Section 3 at
7	least in some circumstances where there were
8	insurgents and Confederates.
9	And I guess, in my view of the history, I'm
10	wondering really whether presidential elections were
11	such a circumstance, that the Framers actually
12	envisioned states enforcing Section 3 with respect to
13	presidential elections as opposed to senatorial
14	elections, representatives, the sort of more local
15	concerns.
16	So can you speak to the argument that
17	really Section 3 was about preventing the South from
18	rising again in the context of these sort of local
19	elections as opposed to focusing on the presidency?
20	MR. MURRAY: Well, two points on that,
21	Justice Jackson. First is that, as I discussed
22	earlier, there isn't the same history of states
23	regulating ballot access at this time, so ballot
24	access rules to restrict presidential candidates
25	wouldn't have wouldn't have existed. They

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       wouldn't have been raised one way or another.
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: Right, but --
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                MR. MURRAY: So --
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: -- I'm not making a --
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                MR. MURRAY: But --
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                 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- distinction between
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       ballot access and --
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                MR. MURRAY: No. My --
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                 JUSTICE JACKSON: -- anything else. Yeah.
                MR. MURRAY: Understood. But the more --
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: Yeah.
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                MR. MURRAY: -- the more broad point I want
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        to make is that what is very clear from the history
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        is -- is that the Framers were concerned about
        charismatic rebels who might rise through the ranks
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       up to and including the presidency of the United
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        States.
                 JUSTICE JACKSON: But then why didn't they
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        put the word "president" in the very enumerated list
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        in Section 3? The thing that really is troubling to
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       me is I totally understand your argument, but they
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       were listing people that were barred and president is
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       not there.
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                 And so I guess that just makes me worry
        that maybe they weren't focusing on the president,
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Τ	and, for example, the fact that electors of vice
2	president and president are there suggests that
3	really what they thought was, if we're worried about
4	the charismatic person, we're going to bar
5	insurrectionist electors and, therefore, that person
6	is never going to rise.
7	MR. MURRAY: This came up in the debates in
8	Congress over Section 3 where Reverdy Johnson said,
9	why haven't you included president and vice presiden
10	in the language? And Senator Moore responds, we
11	have. Look at the language, "any office under the
12	United States."
13	JUSTICE JACKSON: Yes. But doesn't that at
14	least suggest ambiguity? And this sort of ties into
15	Justice Kavanaugh's point.
16	In other words, we had a a person right
17	there at the time saying what I'm saying, the the
18	language here doesn't seem to include president, why
19	is that?
20	And so, if there's an ambiguity, why would
21	we construe it to as Justice Kavanaugh pointed
22	out against democracy?
23	MR. MURRAY: Well, Reverdy Johnson came
24	back and agreed with that reading. "Any office" is
25	clear, the Constitution says about 20 times that the

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        presidency is an office and --
                JUSTICE JACKSON: No, I don't -- I'm not
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        going to that. So let me -- let me -- let me just
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        say you -- so your point is that it -- that there's
       no ambiguity with -- with -- with having a
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        list and not having "president" in it, with having a
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        history that suggests that they were really focused
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        on local concerns in the South, with this
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        conversation where the legislators actually discussed
        what looked like an ambiguity, you're saying there is
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       no -- ambiguity in Section 3?
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                MR. MURRAY: Let me take the point
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        specifically about electors and senators if I might
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        because I think that's --
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                JUSTICE JACKSON: Yes.
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                MR. MURRAY: -- important. Presidential
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        electors were not covered because they don't hold an
        office. They vote. And -- and this Court's decision
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                 JUSTICE JACKSON: No, I'm talking about the
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        barred office part of this, right?
                MR. MURRAY: Exactly. So the barred office
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        is, if you want to include everybody, first, you have
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        to specify presidential electors because they're not
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        offices, so they wouldn't fall under any office.
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1	Second of all, senators and representatives
2	don't hold office either. The Constitution tells us
3	that under the Incompatibility Clause and refers to
4	them as holding seats, not offices. And so you want
5	to make sure that there is no doubt that senators and
6	representatives are covered. Given that the
7	Constitution suggests otherwise, you have to include
8	them.
9	The Constitution says the presidency holds
LO	an office, as do members of this Court. And so other
L1	high offices, the president, vice president, members
L2	of this Court
L3	JUSTICE JACKSON: All right. Let me let
L4	me ask you I I I appreciate that argument.
L5	If we think that the states can't enforce
L6	this provision for whatever reason in this context,
L7	in the presidential context, what happens next in
L8	this case? I mean, are is it done?
L9	MR. MURRAY: If this Court concludes that
20	Colorado did not have the authority to exclude
21	President Trump from the presidential ballot on
22	procedural grounds, I think I think this case
23	would be done, but I think it could come back with a
24	vengeance because, ultimately, members of Congress
25	may have to make the the determination after a

Τ	presidential election if President Trump wins about
2	whether or not he is disqualified from office and
3	whether to count votes cast for him under the
4	Electoral Count Reform Act.
5	So President Trump himself urges this Court
6	in the first few pages of his brief to resolve the
7	issues on the merits, and we think that the Court
8	should do so as well.
9	JUSTICE JACKSON: And there is no federal
10	litigation you would say?
11	MR. MURRAY: Well, that's correct, because
12	there is no federal procedure for deciding these
13	issues, short of a criminal prosecution.
14	JUSTICE JACKSON: Thank you.
15	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.
16	Ms. Stevenson.
17	MS. STEVENSON: Mr. Chief Justice.
18	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Ms. Anderson no,
19	Stevenson. That's right. I'm sorry.
20	ORAL ARGUMENT OF SHANNON W. STEVENSON
21	ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT GRISWOLD
22	MS. STEVENSON: Mr. Chief Justice, and may
23	it please the Court:
24	Exercising its far-reaching powers under
25	the Electors Clause, Colorado's legislature

1	specifically directed Colorado's courts to resolve
2	any challenges to the listing of any candidate on the
3	presidential primary ballot before Coloradans cast
4	their votes.
5	Despite this law, Petitioner contends that
6	Colorado must put him on the ballot because of the
7	possibility there would be a super majority act of
8	Congress to remove his legal disability.
9	Under this theory, Colorado and every other
10	state would have to indulge this possibility not just
11	for the primary but through the general election and
12	up to the moment that an ineligible candidate was
13	sworn into office.
14	Nothing in the Constitution strips the
15	states of their power to direct presidential
16	elections in this way. This case was handled capably
17	and efficiently by the Colorado courts under a
18	process that we've used to decide ballot challenges
19	for more than a century. And as everyone agrees, the
20	Court now has the record that it needs to resolve
21	these important issues.
22	I welcome your questions.
23	JUSTICE THOMAS: Is there an express
24	provision with respect to that defines what a
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1	MS. STEVENSON: No, Your Honor, there's not
2	an express provision. When the Colorado Supreme
3	Court looked at this, they looked at the need to be
4	qualified, plus the fact that the this part was
5	JUSTICE THOMAS: So what does it say then
6	if if it's not express? How do we get to this
7	issue of qualified candidate?
8	MS. STEVENSON: What the court the
9	Colorado Supreme Court did and I let me, if I
LO	could have a standing objection, I do want to make
L1	the argument that you shouldn't review the Court's
L2	statutory interpretation.
L3	JUSTICE THOMAS: No, I'm just looking at
L4	the statute.
L5	MS. STEVENSON: Sure. Right. What the
L6	Court did was to say that we have three important
L7	provisions in this section that show that candidates
L8	have to be qualified. First, it requires that under
L9	12032(a) that a political party that wants to
20	participate has to have a qualified candidate.
21	It also looked at the fact that the
22	comparable write-in candidates also had to be
23	qualified, and
24	JUSTICE THOMAS: I know, but this isn't a
) 5	write-in gandidate. So welre actually talking about

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        the participation of a political party, right? We're
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        not talking about the participation of a -- of a
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                MS. STEVENSON: Sure. I think the -- that
        the fact that the write-in candidate also had to be
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        qualified was confirmatory of the fact that the
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        political party candidate also had to be qualified,
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        and it would be otherwise incongruous to read those
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        things differently.
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                 JUSTICE THOMAS: So how is Section 3 a
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        qualification?
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                MS. STEVENSON: Under the reasoning of the
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        Colorado Supreme Court, a candidate --
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                 JUSTICE THOMAS: No, just on the -- on its
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        face.
                MS. STEVENSON: A -- a candidate must have
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        -- meet all the criteria for eligibility. And I
        don't perceive any distinction between being --
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        meeting the --
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                 JUSTICE THOMAS: Okay.
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                 MS. STEVENSON: -- eligibility criteria and
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        not being disqualified. There -- I just don't see
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        any meaningful difference between those two things.
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                 JUSTICE THOMAS: Thank you.
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                CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: You -- you
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1	represent the secretary of state, right?
2	MS. STEVENSON: That's correct, Your Honor.
3	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: If you're the
4	secretary of state somewhere and someone comes in and
5	says, I think this candidate should be disqualified,
6	what what do you do next?
7	MS. STEVENSON: Administratively and what
8	the deputy elections director testified to at the
9	hearing is that if they obtain objective
10	objective, knowable information, the secretary can
11	act on that and inform the candidate
12	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: So the secretary at
13	first decides whether that's objective, knowable
14	information?
15	MS. STEVENSON: In some instances. In this
16	case, the challenge was actually brought before the
17	candidate's paperwork had even been submitted, and
18	because there had already been a challenge asserted
19	and and put into the proper court procedure, the
20	secretary didn't even make that determination because
21	she didn't have the paperwork.
22	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, what in
23	another case where that wasn't the procedure that was
24	filed, somebody comes in
25	MS. STEVENSON: Sure.

1	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: maybe they've
2	got a stack of papers saying here's why I think this
3	person is guilty of insurrection, it's not a big
4	insurrection, something that, you know, happened down
5	the down the street, but they say this is still an
6	insurrection, I don't know what the standard is for
7	when it arises to that.
8	MS. STEVENSON: I think anything that even
9	presented that level of controversy about one person
10	having a set of facts that they said proved this
11	would send this case to the 113 procedure that we use
12	to resolve ballot challenge issues like that, and if
13	if another elector or the individual who brought
14	the information didn't want to bring it, the
15	secretary herself could bring that action.
16	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Is there a
17	provision for judicial review of the secretary of
18	state's action both in Colorado and perhaps what you
19	know about other states?
20	MS. STEVENSON: Well, certainly, in
21	Colorado, if any action that the secretary takes
22	that anyone wants to challenge, they can use the 113
23	process to do so. I think states have varying
24	degrees of that. There are certainly other states
25	that allow versions of that and then I don't know

1	whether there are others that don't. I certainly
2	know that there are some that do.
3	JUSTICE ALITO: I think we're told that
4	there are states that do not provide for any judicial
5	review of a secretary of state's determination. Is
6	that incorrect?
7	MS. STEVENSON: No, no. I think that's
8	right, and I think there are some states that
9	actually have no mechanism, to come to, I think,
10	Justice Kagan's point, or there are some states that
11	don't have any mechanism to exclude a disqualified
12	candidate from the ballot at all. And I do want to
13	speak to that for just a minute about the the
14	actual impact of
15	JUSTICE ALITO: Well, would that be
16	constitutional, if the the secretary of state's
17	determination was final?
18	MS. STEVENSON: I think so, under Article
19	II, the Electors Clause, Your Honor, that that be
20	would be constitutional. States get very broad
21	authority to determine how to run their presidential
22	elections.
23	JUSTICE ALITO: Could a state enact a
24	statute that provides different rules of evidence and
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                MS. STEVENSON: Yes, Your Honor, I believe
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        it could under the same Electors Clause power.
                JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: That issue would be
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        determined under perhaps a different constitutional
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        provision, like the Due Process Clause, correct?
                MS. STEVENSON: Correct. The bounds of the
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        Electors Clause are other constitutional constraints,
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        which would include due process, equal protection,
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        First Amendment.
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                JUSTICE BARRETT: What's the due process
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        right? Does the candidate have a due process right?
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        What's the liberty interest?
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                MS. STEVENSON: I think it -- it's not very
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        precisely defined in the case law, but I think there
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        is a recognition that there is a -- a liberty
        interest of a candidate and -- and there is some due
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        process interest in -- in being able to access the
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       ballot.
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                JUSTICE BARRETT: I thought that was -- I
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        thought that was for voters. You -- you think for
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        the candidate too, that there's -- that it would be
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        taking something away from the candidate?
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                MS. STEVENSON: Certainly, yes. And I
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1	think a lot of times you see that in the First
2	Amendment context, where candidates can have an issue
3	about being on the ballot, but it's sort of a hybrid
4	or oftentimes First Amendment, Fourteenth Amendment,
5	Qualifications Clause, all discussed together.
6	JUSTICE BARRETT: Let me ask you a question
7	about just follow-up to Justice Alito. You know,
8	these decisions might be made different ways in
9	different states. Maybe a secretary of state makes
10	it in one state with very little process, or a
11	process more like Colorado's could be followed by
12	others.
13	Would our standard of review of the record
14	vary depending on the procedure employed by the
15	state?
16	MS. STEVENSON: I think this Court has
17	tremendous discretion to decide its standard of
18	review, and it might be based on the process that was
19	employed by an individual state. I think you could
20	exercise the independent review of Bose Corp. that
21	Mr. Murray talked about, or you could give deference
22	where you have a full-blown proceeding like the one
23	here that had all the protections of Rules of
24	Evidence and cross-examination and things like that.
25	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: You I'm sorry.

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        You think we should give deference in reviewing the
        factual record, the legal conclusions? What -- in
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        other words, we shouldn't undertake a de novo review?
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                 MS. STEVENSON: I don't think the review
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        should be de novo. However, I'm -- I am amenable to
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        the suggestion that the Court would do the Bose Corp.
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        type independent review that might provide greater
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        certainty to states around the country as to what the
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        Court's position is on the factual record in this
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        case.
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                 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Of course, if it
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        were not de novo review, we could reach disparate
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        results even on the same record, right?
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                MS. STEVENSON: I -- I think that's
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       possible.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: I -- I take it your
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        position is that this disqualification is really the
        same as any other disqualification, age or residence
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        or what have you.
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                MS. STEVENSON: That's correct.
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                 JUSTICE KAGAN: And -- and -- and what if I
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        were to push back on that and say, well, this
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        disqualification, number one, it's in the Fourteenth
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        Amendment, and the point of the Fourteenth Amendment
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        was to take away certain powers from the states?
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1	Number two, Section 3 itself gives Congress a very
2	definite role, which Mr. Mitchell says is interfered
3	with by the ability of states to take somebody off
4	the ballot? And maybe, number three, it's just more
5	complicated and more contested and, if you want, more
6	political? And why don't all of those things make a
7	difference in our thinking about this qualification
8	as opposed to any other?
9	MS. STEVENSON: And so, Your Honor, I think
10	the trouble with the categorizing the insurrection
11	issue as as necessarily more difficult is it's
12	just an assumption that's coming up, I think, because
13	of this case.
14	And, again, back to the Chief Justice's
15	point, we could have a very easy case under the
16	Fourteenth Amendment with an avowed insurrectionist
17	who, you know, came in and wrote on his paperwork, I
18	engaged in an insurrection in violation of the
19	Fourteenth Amendment, and it would be a a
20	open-and-shut case as to whether or not that person
21	would meet the qualifications to be on the Colorado
22	ballot.
23	With respect to your other questions about
24	the Fourteenth Amendment, my positions are based on
25	the assumption that, under the Fourteenth Amendment,

1	the states have the power to enforce Section 3, just
2	like they do other presidential qualifications, and I
3	would defer to the electors arguments on those
4	points.
5	JUSTICE ALITO: Suppose a state that does
6	recognize non-mutual collateral estoppel makes a
7	determination using whatever procedures it decides to
8	adopt that a particular candidate is an
9	insurrectionist.
10	Could that have a cascading effect, and so
11	the decision by a court in one state the decision
12	by a single judge whose factual findings are given
13	deference, maybe an elected trial judge, would have
14	potentially an enormous effect on the candidates who
15	run for president across the country? Is that
16	something we should be concerned about?
17	MS. STEVENSON: I think you should be
18	concerned about it, Your Honor, but I think the
19	concern is not as high as maybe it's made out to be
20	in in particularly some of the amicus briefs.
21	And, again, under Article II, there is a huge amount
22	of disparity in the candidates that end up on the
23	ballot on in different states in every election.
24	Just this election, there's a candidate who
25	Colorado excluded from the primary ballot who is on

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        the ballot in other states even though he is not a
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        natural-born citizen. And that's just a -- that's a
        feature of our process. It's not a bug.
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                 And then I think, with respect to the
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        decision-making and -- and -- you know, we're here so
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        that this Court can give us nationwide guidance on
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        some of the legal principles that are involved. I
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        think that reduces the potential amount of disparity
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        that would arise between the states.
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        record and how that gets issued and implemented, the
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        states have processes for this, and I think we need
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        to let that play out and accept that there may be
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        some messiness of federalism here because that's what
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        the Electors Clause assumes will happen. And if
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        different states apply their principles of -- of
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        collateral estoppel and come to different results,
        that's okay. And -- and Congress is -- can -- can
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        act at any time if -- if it thinks that it's truly
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        federalism run amok.
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                 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Thomas,
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        anything further?
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                 Justice Alito?
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: Well, just one further
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        Colorado did here is sustained, other states are
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        going to retaliate and they are going to potentially
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        exclude another candidate from the ballot.
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                 MS. STEVENSON: Your Honor, I -- I think we
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        follow their election process -- processes
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        appropriately, that they will take realistic views of
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        what insurrection is under the Fourteenth Amendment.
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        Courts will review those decisions. This Court may
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        review some of them.
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        should take those threats too seriously in its
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        resolution of this case.
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: You don't think that's a
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        serious threat?
                 MS. STEVENSON: I -- I -- I think we have
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: We should proceed on the
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        assumption that it's not a serious threat?
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                 MS. STEVENSON: I think we have
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        institutions in place to handle those types of
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        allegations.
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                 JUSTICE ALITO: What -- what are those
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1	institutions?
2	MS. STEVENSON: Our our states, their
3	own electoral rules, the administrators who enforce
4	those rules, the courts that will review those
5	decisions, and up to this Court to ultimately review
6	that decision.
7	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Sotomayor?
8	Justice Kagan?
9	Justice Gorsuch?
10	Justice Kavanaugh?
11	Justice Jackson, anything further?
12	Thank you, counsel.
13	MS. STEVENSON: Thank you.
14	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Rebuttal, Mr.
15	Mitchell?
16	REBUTTAL ARGUMENT OF JONATHAN F. MITCHELL
17	ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER
18	MR. MITCHELL: Both Mr. Murray and Ms.
19	Stevenson rely heavily on the Electors Clause and the
20	authority that it gives the legislature of each state
21	to direct the manner of appointing presidential
22	electors.
23	But that prerogative under Article II must
24	be exercised in a manner consistent with other
25	constitutional provisions and restrictions. And

Τ	Justice Kagan alluded to one of those restrictions
2	that might be imposed by the First Amendment, but
3	there are others.
4	A state cannot use its power under Article
5	II's Electors Clause to instruct its presidential
6	electors only to vote for white candidates. That
7	would violate the Equal Protection Clause. But nor
8	can it exercise its power in a manner that would
9	violate the constitutional holding of U.S. Term
10	Limits against Thornton and they cannot use the
11	Electors Clause as an excuse to impose additional
12	qualifications for the presidency that go beyond what
13	the Constitution enumerates in Article II.
14	And the problem with what the Colorado
15	Supreme Court has done is they have in a way changed
16	the criteria in Section 3 by making it a requirement
17	that must be met before the candidate who is seeking
18	office actually holds the office, effectively moving
19	forward in time the deadline that the candidate has
20	for obtaining a congressional waiver.
21	There has still been no answer from the
22	Anderson litigants on how to distinguish the
23	congressional residency cases, where the courts of
24	appeals, not decisions from this Court, but the
25	courts of appeals in applying this Court 's holding

1	in U.S. Term Limits have unanimously disapproved
2	state laws requiring congressional candidates to show
3	that they inhabit the state from which they seek
4	election prior to Election Day.
5	And there still in our view is no possible
6	way to distinguish those from the situation below in
7	the Colorado Supreme Court.
8	Mr. Murray also invoked the de facto
9	officer doctrine as a possible way to mitigate the
10	dramatic consequences that would follow from the
11	decision of this Court that rejects the rationale of
12	Griffin's Case and that also agrees with Mr. Murray's
13	contentions that President Trump is disqualified from
14	holding office on account of the events of January
15	6th and that he's covered by Section 3 as an officer
16	of the United States.
17	This Court's recent decisions in Lucia and
18	Arthrex held that officers who are unconstitutionally
19	appointed under Article II and that made decisions
20	under the APA that were attacked as invalid, those
21	decisions were still vacated and this Court did not
22	use any variant of the de facto officer doctrine to
23	salvage the decisions that were made by these
24	unconstitutionally appointed officers.

There is no way to escape the conclusion

1	that if this Court rejects Griffin's Case and also
2	agrees with Mr. Murray's construction of Section 3
3	that every executive action taken by the Trump
4	Administration during its last two weeks in office is
5	vulnerable to attack under the APA and, further, that
6	if President Trump is reelected and sworn in as the
7	next president, that any executive action that he
8	takes could be attacked in federal court by anyone
9	who continues to believe that President Trump is
10	barred from office under Section 3.
11	I'm happy to answer any other questions
12	that the Court may have.
13	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.
14	MR. MITCHELL: Thank you.
15	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: The case is
16	submitted.
17	(Whereupon, at 12:17 p.m., the case was
18	submitted.)
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