

No. 24-430

In the Supreme Court of the United States

In re Gregory Stenstrom et al., Petitioners

Request for Expedited Consideration by Judicial Watch, Inc.

To the Honorable Supreme Court of the United States:

Judicial Watch, Inc., a non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting transparency, accountability, and the integrity of U.S. elections, respectfully requests expedited consideration of its Motion for Leave to Intervene and the related Emergency Writ of Mandamus submitted by Petitioners in the above-captioned case.

Given the proximity of the November 5, 2024, election, this case requires immediate judicial attention to prevent irreparable harm to the electoral process and to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the election. Judicial Watch's intervention seeks to address critical concerns with the Department of Justice's (DOJ) deferral policy on election investigations and allegations of procedural obstruction by the Supreme Court's administrative staff.

Grounds for Expedited Consideration

1. **Imminent Risk of Irreparable Harm:** The issues presented in this case pertain to the proper enforcement of election laws and the transparency of the judicial process. Any delay in addressing these matters risks undermining the fairness of the November 5 election and the constitutional rights of voters and candidates. Without immediate judicial action, election-related irregularities may go uninvestigated during the critical pre-certification period, resulting in harm that cannot be corrected after certification.
2. **Urgency Due to the DOJ's Deferral Policy:** Judicial Watch's request emphasizes the urgency of addressing the DOJ's policy of deferring investigations until post-certification, which directly contravenes federal election law and the DOJ's duty under the Take Care Clause of Article II, Section 3. Prompt judicial intervention is necessary to ensure that allegations

of election-related misconduct are examined and addressed before election results are certified, protecting the rule of law.

3. **Procedural Integrity and Alleged Obstruction by Administrative Staff:** Allegations of procedural delays by the Supreme Court's own Clerk's Office, including the withholding of Petitioners' filings from the designated Justice, require immediate Court review. Any obstruction of timely judicial consideration in such a high-stakes case could compromise procedural fairness and damage public trust in the judiciary. Expedited consideration is essential to ensure that this matter is reviewed and resolved promptly.
4. **Public Interest and Preservation of Election Integrity:** The integrity of the upcoming election is a matter of significant public concern. Judicial Watch has a longstanding role in enforcing federal election law and promoting lawful electoral practices, as outlined in the attached appendices. This Court's immediate review will serve the public interest by reaffirming its commitment to transparent and timely judicial processes in matters of national importance.

Request for Relief

Judicial Watch respectfully requests that this Court grant expedited consideration of its Motion for Leave to Intervene and Petitioners' Emergency Writ of Mandamus, and schedule this matter for immediate review. In light of the approaching election, Judicial Watch further requests that the Court consider a timeline that allows for timely investigation and, if necessary, judicial intervention before November 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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