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Honorable Justices of the California Supreme Court
Supreme Court of the State of California
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To the Honorable Justices of the California Supreme Court:

Pursuant to California Rule of Court 8.500(g), amici curiae respectfully submit this letter in support of Petitioners in this original writ proceeding. Amici urge this Court to grant the relief sought by Petitioners, and to issue a writ of mandate ordering preelection relief in this matter.

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST

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