

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TAZEWELL COUNTY

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE,)
NATIONAL REPUBLICAN)
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE, BEN)
CLINE, U.S. Representative for Virginia's)
Sixth Congressional District, and MORGAN)
GRIFFITH, U.S. Representative for)
Virginia's Ninth Congressional District,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
STEVEN KOSKI, in his official capacity as)
Commissioner of the Virginia Department of)
Elections, VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF)
ELECTIONS, JOHN O'BANNON, in his)
official capacity as Chairman of the Virginia)
State Board of Elections, ROSALYN R.)
DANCE, in her official capacity as)
Vice-Chairman of the Virginia State Board of)
Elections, GEORGIA ALVIS-LONG, in her)
official capacity as Secretary of the Virginia)
State Board of Elections, CHRISTOPHER P.)
STOLLE, in his official capacity as Board)
Member of the Virginia State Board of)
Elections, J. CHAPMAN PETERSEN, in his)
official capacity as Board Member of the)
Virginia State Board of Elections, VIRGINIA)
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, BRIAN)
EARLS, in his Official capacity as the General)
Registrar for Tazewell County, IRMA)
MITCHELL, in her Official capacity as)
Chairman of the Tazewell County Electoral)
Board, JANE SORENSEN, in her official)
capacity as Vice Chairman of the Tazewell)
County Electoral Board, and JAMES)
MCDONALD, Secretary of the Tazewell)
County Electoral Board,)
Defendants.)

EMERGENCY MOTION FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Plaintiffs move for a temporary restraining order. As the attached memorandum in support of this motion shows, the equities warrant a temporary restraining order to preserve the status quo between the parties pending a hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction. *See* Va. Sup. Ct. R. 3:26(b).

Plaintiffs also move for a preliminary injunction as to Counts 5 and 6 of their Verified Complaint. *See* Va. Sup. Ct. R. 3:26(c)-(d). Plaintiffs will likely succeed on the merits of these claims and suffer irreparable harm without this relief. And the balance of hardships supports a preliminary injunction, as does the public interest. Plaintiffs respectfully request a hearing and relief on this motion before March 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted February 18, 2026

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