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PFLAG, INC., ET AL., Plaintiffs,

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

 $\mathbf{v}$ .

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

GREG ABBOTT, ET AL., Defendants.

459th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

#### DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF ACCELERATED INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL

Defendants Greg Abbott in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Texas ("Governor Abbott"), Jaime Masters in her official capacity of Commissioner of the Department of Family and Protective Services ("Commissioner Masters"), and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services ("DFPS") (collectively, "Defendants") appeal the Court's interlocutory order of July 8, 2022 granting Plaintiffs' Roe and Voe's application for a temporary injunction.

Defendants are entitled to an interlocutory appeal pursuant to Civil Practice and Remedies Code section 51.014(a)(4), which allows for an immediate appeal from an order that grants a temporary injunction. Defendants appeal to the Third Court of Appeals. This is an accelerated appeal as provided by Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 28.1. This is not a parental termination or child protection case, as defined in Rule 28.4.

Pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 51.014(b), all further proceedings in this court are stayed pending resolution of Defendants' appeal. Upon filing of this instrument, the July 8, 2022 Order Granting Plaintiffs' Roe and Voe's Application for Temporary Injunction is superseded pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code section 6.001(b) and Texas

Rule of Appellate Procedure 29.1(b). Pursuant to section 6.001, as governmental officers/entities, Defendants are not required to file a supersedeas bond for court costs. Defendants' appeal is therefore perfected upon the filing of the notice of appeal.

Respectfully Submitted.

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