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RE: Case No. 124,205, Butler, Kristin, and Bozarth, Scott, v. Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education, Appellees, Attorney General Derek Schmidt, Intervenor, Appellant.

Dear Parties and Attorneys of Record:

I write to notify you that I received the attached letter from Senate President Ty Masterson and Speaker of the House Ron Ryckman. The letter relates to the appeal in Case No. 124,205. Following the procedure set out in the Kansas Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 2.9(B)

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(2021 Kan. S. Ct. R. 491), you may respond to the attached letter by the date on which responses are due to the Motion for a Stay Pending Appeal filed by Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt. The response should be filed as a matter of record in this appeal but need not be separate from other filings.

Cordially,

Marla Luckert

Attachment

cc: Senate President Ty Masterson

Speaker of the House Ron Ryckman

STATE OF KANSAS LEGISLATURE



SEN. TY MASTERSON REP. RON RYCKMANPRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

August 5, 2021

The Honorable Marla Luckert Kansas Supreme Court 301 SW 10th Ave Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chief Justice Luckert,

In light of recent actions, we respectfully ask for the Court's consideration of a stay in regard to District Court Judge David Hauber's ruling on the provisions of Senate Bill 40. We believe the Court's expeditious review is necessary in order to restore law and order to the state's emergency management system.

The ruling's attempt to invalidate the law has led to mass confusion about which laws are in place pertaining to public health orders and due process rights. As a result, cities, counties, school districts and citizens are currently in legal limbo, operating under differing interpretations rather than the framework of certainty that had been provided by Senate Bill 40.

This has ignited confusion, creating uncertainty for Kansas communities and schools at a time when parents are preparing to send their children back to school.

Given the urgency, we respectfully ask the Kansas Supreme Court to grant the Attorney General's motion and proceed with the case quickly, so the people of Kansas and their local governing entities can have clarity. Such a decision would also provide guidance to the Kansas Legislature about any additional steps that may need to be taken to restore order during this critical period.

On behalf of the Kansas Legislature, we appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senate President Ty Masterson

Speaker of the House Ron Ryckman