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Ms. Sandra Grosko  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of Ohio  
65 South Front Street/8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: *League of Women Voters v. Ohio Redistricting Commission*,  
2021-1193, *Bennett v. Ohio Redistricting Commission*, 2021-  
1198, and *Ohio Organizing Collaborative v. Ohio Redistricting*  
*Commission*, 2021-1210

Dear Ms. Grosko:

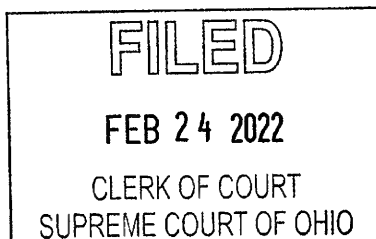
Today, the Chief Justice entered an order scheduling a hearing on March 1, 2022, under the above referenced case numbers. See R.C. 2705.02. Such a matter is considered a "special proceeding." *In re Contempt of Common Pleas Court*, 30 Ohio St.2d 182, 187, 283 N.E.2d 126, (1972). It is "a new and independent proceeding" that is auxiliary to the main action. See *Hansen v. Hansen*, 132 Ohio App.3d 795, 799, 726 N.E.2d 557 (1999), quoting 17 Corpus Juris Secundum, Contempt, Section 62(6), at 159-160 (1963).

It is possible that in this special proceeding the court could consider sanctions directed at individual members of the redistricting commission. See R.C. 2705.05. Because of this possibility, I intend to recuse myself from the March 1, 2022, hearing and the consideration of matters related thereto.

Very truly yours,



R. Patrick DeWine



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Cc: Chief Justice O'Connor  
Diane Hayes  
Amy Reitz