IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

STATE OF OHIO EX RE. DANA SKAGGS, ET AL.,

Case No.: 08-2206

VS.

JENNIFER L. BRUNER, SECRETARY OF STATE, ET AL.,

RESPONDENTS

RELATORSS,

AND

OHIO DEMOCRATIC PARTY 341 FULTON STREET COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

> INTERVENOR-RESPONDENT

ANSWER OF OHIO DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO RELATORS COMPLAINT

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ANSWER TO RELATORS COMPLAINT

Intervenor-Respondent, Ohio Democratic Party, hereby answers Relators's Complaint as follows:

- 1. Paragraphs 6 and 7 are admitted.
- 2. Paragraphs 30-35 and 37-39 are denied.
- 3. Paragraphs 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-24, and 26-28 are denied for lack of knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation.
- 4. Paragraphs 1, 2, 9, 10,13, 16 and 25 contain argument or statements of law and therefore do not require admission or denial.
- 5. Any allegation of the Complaint not specifically admitted, is hereby denied

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- 6. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- Respondents do not have a clear legal duty to perform the acts requested by Relators.
- 8. Relators do not have a clear legal right to the requested relief.
- 9. Relators have an adequate remedy in the ordinary course of law.
- 10. Relators lack standing.
- 11. Relators' requested relief would violate the First, Fifth and Fourteenth

 Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
- 12. Relators' requested relief would violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC 1971.
- Relators' requested relief would violate the Help America Vote Act of 2002, 42
 USC 15482.

- 14. Relators have failed to comply with Rule X, Section 4(B) of the Supreme Court Practice Rules.
- 15. The Complaint is barred by laches.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing Answer was served upon all parties in the case via electronic mail and/or facsimile machine this 26th day of November 2008.

