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Ms. Muriel-Theresa Pitney  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of Virginia  
100 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219

**Re: Supreme Court redistricting process**

Dear Ms. Pitney:

I write to inform the Court that the House Democratic Caucus joins with our colleagues in the Virginia Senate Democratic Caucus regarding the concerns surrounding the three individuals nominated by Republican leadership to serve as a Special Master for this Court.

As highlighted in the Senate's November 8th letter, the Republican Leadership's nominees do not meet the qualifications necessary to serve the Court and the people of the Commonwealth and should be rejected. Chapter 62 of the Code of Virginia clearly states that those eligible to serve as a special master shall have requisite qualifications and experience to serve as an expert to the Court. Further, the law requires that such individuals not have any conflicts of interest. As provided in the evidence supporting the November 8<sup>th</sup> letter, the individuals recommended by Republican Leadership have backgrounds as either partisan operatives or as consultants to Virginia's Republican Senate Legislative Caucus.

I hope the Court will take the necessary steps to ensure public trust in the process to create fair maps for the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Filler-Corn".

Eileen Filler-Corn  
Speaker of the House of Delegates