

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

RUTH JOHNSON, TERRI LYNN LAND and  
MARIAN SHERIDAN,

Plaintiffs,

v

JOCELYN BENSON, Secretary of State of the  
State of Michigan, in her official capacity,

Defendant.

No. 1:20-cv-00948

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**DEFENDANT SECRETARY OF STATE JOCELYN BENSON'S COURT  
ORDERED STATEMENT**

As required by this Court's October 19, 2020 order, Defendant Benson affirmatively states that she intends to follow the relevant Michigan statutes concerning absentee ballots consistent with the latest ruling from the Michigan Court of Appeals, absent an order from the Michigan Supreme Court. Attached to

this statement as Exhibit A is a copy of the guidance issued by the Secretary of State to local clerks regarding the Court of Appeals' ruling.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on October 20, 2020, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such filing of the foregoing document as well as via US Mail to all non-ECF participants.

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