

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT  
CIVIL APPEAL STATEMENT OF PARTIES AND ISSUES**

Case No: 20-3526 Case Manager: Roy Ford

Case Name: Thompson, et al. v. DeWine, et al.

Is this case a cross appeal?  Yes  No

Has this case or a related one been before this court previously?  Yes  No

If yes, state:

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Citation: \_\_\_\_\_

Was that case mediated through the court's program?  Yes  No

**Please Identify the Parties Against Whom this Appeal is Being Taken and the Specific Issues You Propose to Raise:**

This appeal is taken by Governor Mike DeWine, et al. (collectively the "Appellants") against Plaintiffs-Appellees and Intervenor-Appellees, Chad Thompson, et al. ("Appellees"). The issue to be raised is whether the Court erred in granting Appellees' Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Appellants will argue that, contrary to the the District Court's holding below, Ohio's challenged laws regulating the ballot-initiative process do not violate the First Amendment. And if the Court agrees to hear this case en banc, the Appellants will argue that the Free Speech Clause does not even apply to laws that regulate the mechanics of the initiative process.

This is to certify that a copy of this statement was served on opposing counsel of record this 11th day of

June 11, 2020 .

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