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| 10  | FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA  |                                       |  |
| 11  | Tohono O'odham Nation, Gila River  | No. 2:22-cv-01901-SRB                 |  |
| 12  | Indian Community, Keanu Stevens, Alanna<br>Siquieros, and LaDonna Jacket,  |                                       |  |
| 13  | Plaintiffs,  | AMENDED COMPLAINT                     |  |
| 14  | V.   |                                       |  |
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| 16  | Mark Brnovich in his official capacity as<br>Attorney General of Arizona; Katie Hobbs,   |                                       |  |
| 17  | in her official capacity as Arizona<br>Secretary of State; Dana Lewis in her   |                                       |  |
| 18  | official capacity as Pinal County Recorder;<br>Gabriella Cázares-Kelly in her official   |                                       |  |
| 19<br>20                                  | capacity as Pima County Recorder;  |                                       |  |
| 20  | Stephen Richer in his official capacity as<br>Maricopa County Recorder;  |                                       |  |
| 22  | Michael Sample in his official capacity as Navajo County Recorder,   |                                       |  |
| 23  | Defendants.  |                                       |  |
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| 25  | Plaintiffs Tohono O'odham Natio  | n, Gila River Indian Community,       |  |
| 26  | Keanu Stevens, Alanna Siquieros, and LaDonna Jacket bring this Amended Complaint   |                                       |  |
| 27  | against Defendants Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, Arizona Attorney General  |                                       |  |
| 28  | Mark Brnovich, Pinal County Recorder Dana  | Lewis, Pima County Recorder Gabriella |  |
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Cázares-Kelly, Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer, and Navajo County
 Recorder Michael Sample and allege as follows:

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### **INTRODUCTION**

5 1. Plaintiffs bring this equitable action to challenge the documentary proof 6 of location of residence requirement imposed by Arizona HB 2492. The challenged 7 requirement (hereinafter "DPOR" or "Physical Address Requirement") will 8 disenfranchise significant numbers of Native Americans by blocking Arizonans who 9 reside in a dwelling that does not have a standard physical address assigned to it—a 10 circumstance that is significantly disproportionately common for Native Americans 11 across many areas of the state—from registering to vote in federal, state, and local 12 elections.

13 2. Plaintiffs are imminently threatened with a concrete and particularized 14 injury in fact that is fairly traceable to the challenged action of the Defendants. As a 15 result of the Physical Address Requirement, people who live in housing that does not 16 have a standard physical address will either be completely unable to register to vote, or 17 will be unable to register to vote without overcoming the severe burden of both 18 obtaining a standard street address for their home and having that address added to their 19 identifying documents—a process that can take years, or even decades, and is largely 20 out of the control of individual voters.

3. This DPOR requirement serves no governmental interest, let alone one
sufficiently compelling to justify the severe burden that will be imposed on Native
voters, and others in Arizona who lack standard addresses, if this provision is allowed
to take effect. To the contrary, Arizona has for years implemented a successful voter
registration and list maintenance program that allows voters who lack standard physical
addresses to submit a description and/or graphic depiction of their location of residence,
using either the state or federal voter registration form. The DPOR requirement thus

constitutes a violation of the fundamental right to vote guaranteed by the First and
 Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution for eligible voters who live
 in housing without a standard physical address.

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4 4. By imposing an additional prerequisite to registering to vote in federal
5 elections beyond what is required by the Federal Form developed by the United States
6 Election Assistance Commission (EAC), the DPOR requirement also violates the
7 federal National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), which provides that states must
8 "accept and use" the federal voter registration form to register voters for federal
9 elections. 52 U.S.C. § 20505. *See also Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Ariz., Inc.*,
10 570 U.S. 1 (2013).

11 5. The concrete and particularized injuries with which Plaintiffs are 12 imminently threatened are likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision. 13 To remedy Defendants' violation of the NVRA, Plaintiffs seek declaratory relief and 14 an injunction prohibiting Arizona from implementing the Physical Address 15 Requirement for any and all voters who register to vote using the federal voter 16 registration form. Further, to remedy Defendants' violation of the U.S. Constitution, 17 Plaintiffs Tohono O'odham Nation, Keanu Stevens, Alanna Siquieros, and 18 LaDonna Jacket seek declaratory relief and an injunction prohibiting Arizona from 19 implementing the Physical Address Requirement as applied to any and all voters who 20 lack a standard physical address and who register to vote using either the state or federal 21 voter registration form.

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## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C.
§ 1331, 1343(a)(3)-(4), 1362, 2201(a), and 2202, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and 52 U.S.C.
§ 10308(f), and 52 U.S.C. § 20510(b).

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7. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 82 and 1391(b).

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### PARTIES

### <u>Plaintiffs</u>

3 8. Plaintiff Tohono O'odham Nation is a federally recognized Tribe with 4 approximately 28,000 enrolled members. 87 Fed. Reg. 4636, 4639 (January 28, 2022). 5 The legislative and executive powers of the Tohono O'odham Nation are vested in the 6 Tohono O'odham Council and the Office of the Chairman, respectively. *Constitution* 7 of the Tohono O'odham Nation, art. V § 1 & art. VII § 1 (March 6, 1986). Among the 8 enumerated powers of the Council and Chairman are the authority to promote, protect 9 and provide for public health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the 10 Tohono O'odham Nation and its members and to act as the official representative of 11 the Tohono O'odham Nation. Id., art. VI § (1)(c)(2) & art. VII § (2)(f).

12 9. According to the 2020 Census, approximately 6,512 voting age 13 individuals live on Tohono O'odham lands. U.S. Census, 2020 Census Redistricting 14 Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Race for the Population 18 Years and Older, 15 Table P3 (Tohono O'odham Nation Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, AZ). 16 Many of those individuals are Tohono O'odham members who will be eligible to 17 register to vote on January 1, 2023. A significant majority of Tohono O'odham 18 members do not have a standard physical address and therefore will be unable to satisfy 19 the DPOR requirement.

20 10. Plaintiff Tohono O'odham Nation brings this action parens patriae to
21 protect Tohono O'odham members' general welfare, which includes the right to vote
22 free from discrimination and undue burden, and to protect its place in the federal system
23 through protection of its members voting rights.

24 11. Plaintiff Gila River Indian Community is a federally recognized Tribe
25 with approximately 21,300 enrolled members. 87 Fed. Reg. 4636, 4638 (January 28,
26 2022). The Community is governed by the Gila River Community Council, which has
27 among its enumerated powers the authority to promote and protect the health, peace,

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1 morals, education, and general welfare of the Community and its members and to act 2 for and on behalf of those members. Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian 3 *Community of Arizona*, art. XV, § 1(a)(9) (codified by Gila River Indian Community 4 Council on July 7, 2021).

- 5 12. According to the 2020 Census, approximately 9,268 voting age 6 individuals live on the Gila River Reservation. U.S. Census, 2020 Census Redistricting 7 Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Race for the Population 18 Years and Older, 8 Table P3 (Gila River Indian Reservation, AZ). Many of those individuals are Gila River 9 members who will be eligible to register to vote on January 1, 2023. A significant 10 number of Gila River members do not have a standard physical address and therefore 11 will be unable to satisfy the DPOR requirement.
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13. Plaintiff Gila River Indian Community brings this action parens patriae 13 to protect Gila River members' general welfare, which includes the right to vote free 14 from discrimination and undue burden, and to protect its place in the federal system 15 through protection of its members' voting rights.

16 Plaintiff Alanna Siguieros is an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham 14. 17 Nation and resides on the Tohono O'odham Reservation.

18 15. Plaintiff Siguieros does not have identification or any other documents 19 that contain an address for her home and it would be impossible for Ms. Siguieros to 20 obtain such documentation. Like other homes in her reservation community, Ms. 21 Siquieros' home does not have an address and her family does not know of any method 22 to obtain one.

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16. Plaintiff Siguieros will turn 18 and become eligible to vote in Arizona on January 2, 2023. Ms. Siguieros intends to vote when she is eligible.

25 17. Plaintiff Keanu Stevens is an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham 26 Nation and resides on the Tohono O'odham Reservation.

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1 18. Plaintiff Stevens does not have identification or any other documents that
 2 contain an address for his home and it would be impossible for Mr. Stevens to obtain
 3 such documentation. Like other homes in his reservation community, Mr. Stevens'
 4 home does not have an address and his family does not know of any method to obtain
 5 one.

6 19. Plaintiff Stevens will turn 18 and become eligible to vote in Arizona on
7 November 4, 2023. Mr. Stevens intends to vote when he is eligible.

8 20. Plaintiff LaDonna Jacket is an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe and
9 resides on the Hopi Reservation.

10 21. Plaintiff Jacket does not have identification or any other documents that
11 contain an address for her home and it would be impossible for Ms. Jacket to obtain
12 such documentation. Like other homes in her reservation community, Ms. Jacket's
13 home does not have an address and her family does not know of any method to obtain
14 one.

15 22. Plaintiff Jacket will turn 18 and become eligible to vote in Arizona on
16 May 4, 2023. Ms. Jacket intends to vote when she is eligible.

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## <u>Defendants</u>

18 23. Defendant Katie Hobbs, as Arizona's Secretary of State, serves as the 19 chief state election officer for Arizona. A.R.S. § 16-142. The Secretary of State is a 20 statewide elected public officer and is responsible for supervising voter registration 21 throughout the state, including implementation of HB 2492 when it goes into effect. 22 The Secretary of State is responsible for providing binding regulations and guidelines 23 for voter registration. Ariz. Const. art. 5, § 1(A); A.R.S. § 16-142. The Secretary of 24 State Arizona Manual also issues the Election Procedures 25 (https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/2021\_EPM\_October\_1\_Submission.pdf), which 26 establishes voter registration procedures for all of Arizona's counties. A.R.S. § 16-452.

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The Manual is approved by the Governor and the Arizona Attorney General and carries 2 the force of law. A.R.S. § 16-452(B). Katie Hobbs is sued in her official capacity.

3 24. Defendant Mark Brnovich, as Arizona's Attorney General, is the State's 4 chief legal officer, A.R.S. § 41-192, and is authorized to approve voter registration 5 procedures issued by the Secretary of State, A.R.S. § 16-452, and enforce Arizona's 6 election laws in "any election for state office . . . through civil and criminal actions," 7 A.R.S. § 16-1021. The Attorney General is responsible for enforcing HB 2492 when it 8 goes into effect. Mark Brnovich is sued in his official capacity.

9 25. Defendants Dana Lewis, Gabriella Cázares-Kelly, Stephen Richer, and 10 Michael Sample are sued in their official capacities as Arizona County Recorders in the 11 counties where the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Gila River Indian Community are 12 located. They are independent chief election officers at the local level in the State of 13 Arizona. In that capacity, they are responsible for the implementation and enforcement 14 of HB 2492 relating to the processing of the Physical Address Requirement, processing 15 voter registration forms, rejecting a voter's registration form, and canceling a voter's 16 registration.

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## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

18 26. The State of Arizona is home to twenty-two federally recognized Native 19 American Tribes and encompasses all or part of twenty Native American reservations. 20 Altogether, those reservations cover more than nineteen million acres, which is more 21 than one-quarter of all land in Arizona. According to the 2020 Census, those 22 reservations include approximately 172,461 individuals, of whom approximately 23 121,034 are of voting age. U.S. Census, 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 24 94-171) Summary File, Race for the Total Population, Table P1; Race for the 25 Population 18 Years and Older, Table P3 (geography filter set for all American Indian 26 Reservations within another geography, the State of Arizona).

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1 27. Homes on Native American reservations in Arizona are significantly 2 more likely to lack a standard physical address, as compared to homes in non-Native 3 areas. For example, one study found that approximately 86 percent of Arizona's 4 non-Hispanic white voters outside of Pima and Maricopa counties have standard, 5 mailable addresses, compared to only 18 percent of Native voters—a disparity of over 6 350 percent. Rodden, Ph.D., Jonathan, Second expert Report in Ariz. Democratic Party, 7 et al. v. Michelle Reagan, et al., Case No. 16-10650-PHX-DLR (amended Sept. 12, 8 2017).

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# Current mechanism for specifying residence location

10 28. Arizona law already requires voter registration applicants to provide their
11 residence address or location. The purpose of that requirement is to allow election
12 administrators to identify the precinct where voters live so they can be provided with
13 the correct ballot.

14 29. To collect residence location information from registrants, the voter 15 registration form created by the state of Arizona (the State Form) directs applicants to 16 provide their residential address or, if the registrant does not have a street address, to 17 "describe [the] location [of their residence] using mileage, cross streets, parcel #, 18 subdivision name/lot, or landmarks" and to "[d]raw a map and/or provide 19 latitude/longitude or geocode in Box 23 if located in a rural area without a traditional 20 street address." Ariz. Voter Form available online Reg. at: 21 https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/voter registration form.pdf.

30. Similarly, the voter registration form created by the federal Election
Assistance Commission (EAC) (the Federal Form), directs registrants to provide their
home address or, if the registrant does not have a street address, to "show where [they]
live" using the map in Box C. Federal Voter Registration Form available online at:
<u>https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac\_assets/1/6/Federal\_Voter\_Registration\_E</u>
<u>NG.pdf.</u>

31. Due to the lack of addresses on reservation homes or to the unfamiliarity
 with Tribal addressing systems, many Arizona voters from Native American areas,
 including from Gila River, Tohono O'odham, and Hopi, register by drawing a map of
 the location of their residence on their voter registration form, and have done so for
 years.

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# Documentary proof of location of residence requirement in HB 2492

7 32. Against the backdrop of the lack of addresses on Arizona reservations
8 and a working system for identifying voters' location of residence, Arizona passed
9 HB 2492, which makes documentation that proves the physical location of the
10 applicant's residence a requirement of voter registration in Arizona.

11 33. Under the new law, the documents proscribed in A.R.S. § 16-579(A)(1) 12 constitute satisfactory proof of location of residence. To meet the standards of A.R.S. 13 § 16-579(A)(1), the individual must provide a government-issued photo ID that 14 contains or is paired with another document that contains the ID holder's current 15 physical address or, if photo ID isn't provided, the individual must provide two items 16 or documents that contain their current physical address. In any case, all of the options 17 proscribed in that section of statute require at least one document that contains the 18 applicant's current physical address. A P.O. Box number will not qualify.

19 34. By the terms of the Physical Address Requirement, the required
20 documentation "establishes proof of location of residence" and "constitutes
21 confirmation of the address on the applicant's application at the time of registration."
22 022 Ariz. Legis. Serv. Ch. 99 (HB 2492), sec. 5 (codified at A.R.S. § 16-123).

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35. While the voter registration form includes a field for applicants to provide a P.O. Box if that is where they receive mail, Arizona law does not allow applicants to provide a P.O. Box in the place of residence field. Arizona law specifies that applicants must provide their *residence address or location* on their application form. A.R.S. § 16-121.01.

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### Tohono O'odham Nation

2 36. Plaintiff Tohono O'odham Nation and the homes of Plaintiffs 3 Keanu Stevens and Alanna Siquieros are located on the Tohono O'odham Indian 4 Reservation. Tohono O'odham lands, not including off-reservation trust lands, cover 5 2.8 million acres of rural desert territory in south central Arizona to the Mexico border. 6 According to the 2020 Census, approximately 9,225 people, including a voting age 7 population of 6,512 individuals, live on Tohono O'odham lands, in 2,755 occupied 8 housing units. U.S. Census, 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) 9 Summary File, Race for the Total Population, Table P1; Race for the Population 18 10 Years and Older, Table P3; Occupancy Status, Table H1 (Tohono O'odham Nation 11 Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, Arizona). The vast majority of those 12 housing units do not have a physical address that would be capable of satisfying the 13 DPOR requirement.

14 37. Tohono O'odham lands are located in Pima, Pinal and Maricopa15 Counties.

16 Pima County includes the majority of the Tohono O'odham Reservation, 38. 17 has four Census block groups in which a majority of the population is Native. 2020 18 Census State Redistricting Data (Pub. L. No. 94-171) Summary File Prepared by the 19 U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 as published by Caliper Corporation. According to the 2020 20 Census, in the portion of the Tohono O'odham lands located in Pima County, 21 approximately 6,418 people live in 1,848 occupied housing units. U.S. Census, 2020 22 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Race for the Total 23 Population, Table P1; Occupancy Status, Table H1 (Tohono O'odham Nation CCD, 24 Pima County, Arizona). Yet, according to Pima County data, there are just *five* physical 25 addresses in those four majority-Native Census block groups for a ratio of 0.003 26 physical addresses per occupied household in those areas. According to Pima County 27 data, the same ratio is 1.03 in white-majority areas, meaning households in white-

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1 majority areas of Pima County are 343 times more likely to have an address than 2 households in Native-majority areas of the County. Pima County Development 3 Services, *Pima County Geospatial Data Portal*, accessed in October 2022, available at; 4 https://gisopendata.pima.gov/datasets/pima-county-official-address-

- 5 points/explore?location=31.977155%2C-111.875000%2C9.57.
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39. As a result, a significant majority of people living in Native areas of Pima 7 County will be unable to participate in the election of their county, state legislative, and 8 congressional representatives due to the DPOR requirement in HB 2492, while people 9 living in white-majority areas are far less likely to be excluded.

- 10 40. Without physical addresses or postal routes in their community, Plaintiff 11 Stevens, Plaintiff Siquieros, and most members of the Tohono O'odham Nation who 12 reside on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation receive their mail delivery at post 13 office boxes. Thus, the address reservation residents, including Plaintiffs Stevens and 14 Siguieros commonly use for identification purposes is the family P.O. Box number, 15 which is not sufficient to satisfy the Physical Address Requirement in HB 2492.
- 16 Plaintiff Stevens, Plaintiff Siguieros, and most members of the 41. 17 Tohono O'odham Nation who reside on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation do 18 not have any documents that include both their name and an address corresponding with 19 the physical location of their home. For these Tribal members, documents that typically 20 might include such an address if they did have one-for example a lease, utility bill, 21 bank statement, or vehicle registration—instead contain the family's P.O. Box number, 22 list the name of another household member, or both. These documents thus do not 23 satisfy the Physical Address requirement under HB 2492.
- 24 42. There is no process available for Plaintiff Stevens, Plaintiff Siqueiros, and 25 other members of the Tohono O'odham Nation who reside on the Tohono O'odham 26 Indian Reservation to obtain a physical address for their home on their own, preventing 27 them from complying with the requirements under HB 2492.
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## Gila River Indian Community

2 43. The Gila River Indian Reservation lies entirely within the state of 3 Arizona, south of the city of Phoenix. According to the 2020 Census, approximately 4 14,053 people, including a voting age population of 9,268 individuals, reside on the 5 reservation in 3,433 occupied housing units. U.S. Census, 2020 Census Redistricting 6 Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Race for the Total Population, Table P1; Race 7 for the Population 18 Years and Older, Table P3; Occupancy Status, Table H1 (Gila 8 River Indian Reservation, Arizona).

9 44. A majority of Gila River Community members who live on the Gila River 10 Indian Reservation do not have any identifying documents that include the physical 11 address assigned to their home by the Community. Even for the minority of Community 12 members who do have such documentation, it is unknown whether Community-13 assigned addresses will be accepted for the purpose of satisfying the Physical Address 14 Requirement.

15 45. The U.S. Postal Service has informed the Community that, aside from a 16 portion of the Community's District 4 that is directly adjacent to the off-reservation city 17 of Chandler, home mail delivery will not be provided to the reservation. As a result of 18 the lack of home mail delivery, most Gila River Community members who live on the 19 Gila River Indian Reservation have a post office box which they use to send and receive 20 mail. Commonly, the address Gila River residents use for identification purposes is 21 their family P.O. Box number. These P.O. Boxes addresses do not satisfy the Physical 22 Address requirement under HB 2492.

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46. These Community members, which include individuals who will become 24 eligible to register to vote after January 1, 2023, typically do not have any documents 25 that include both their name and an indicator of the physical location of their home 26 sufficient to satisfy the Physical Address requirement under HB 2492. For these Tribal 27 members, documents that typically might include such an address if they did have

one—for example a lease, utility bill, bank statement, or vehicle registration—instead
 typically contain the family's P.O. Box number, are in the name of another household
 member, or both. These documents thus do not satisfy the Physical Address
 requirement under HB 2492.

5 47. The Community's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Department (LUPZ) 6 can provide a homeowner or lessee a document that identifies the address the 7 Community has assigned to their housing. But LUPZ cannot provide similar 8 documentation to other family members in the household who are not also listed as an 9 owner or lessee.

10 48. In many cases, it would require Community members to navigate a 11 lengthy and burdensome process involving multiple government offices for household 12 members who are not listed as owners or lessees to obtain documentation of the address 13 assigned to their home by the Community. First, the owner or lessee would have to get 14 documentation of their home's Community-assigned address from LUPZ. Next, the 15 other household members would have to apply for an Arizona ID using their family 16 members' LUPZ document or visit another tribal department to obtain documentation 17 that they reside with their family member who was able obtain documentation of their 18 address from LUPZ.

19 49. Thus, even if it were clear that Community-assigned addresses are
20 sufficient to satisfy the DPOR requirement—which it is not—many Community
21 members would be unable to complete the burdensome process required to obtain
22 identification documents containing that address sufficient to satisfy the DPOR
23 requirement.

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Hopi Indian Reservation

50. Plaintiff LaDonna Jacket lives on the Hopi Indian Reservation, which lies
entirely within Arizona, overlapping portions of Navajo County and Coconino County
in the northeastern part of the state. Hopi lands, not including off-reservation trust lands,

cover over 1.5 million acres of rural high, arid mesas and surrounding territory.
According to the 2020 Census, approximately 6,270 people, including a voting age
population of 4,656 individuals, live on Hopi lands, in 1,863 occupied housing units.
U.S. Census, 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Race
for the Total Population, Table P1; Race for the Population 18 Years and Older, Table
P3; Occupancy Status, Table H1 (Hopi Reservation, Arizona). The vast majority of
those housing units do not have a standard physical address.

8 51. Without physical addresses of postal routes in their community, Plaintiff
9 Jacket and other members of the Hopi Tribe who live on the reservation receive their
10 mail delivery at post office boxes. Thus, the address reservation residents like
11 Plaintiff Jacket commonly use for identification purposes is the family P.O. Box
12 number, which is not sufficient to satisfy the Physical Address Requirement in
13 HB 2492.

14 52. Plaintiff Jacket and other members of the Hopi Tribe who reside on the
15 reservation, do not have any documents that include both their name and a physical
16 address. For Plaintiff Jacket and other Tribal members, documents that typically might
17 include such an address if they did have one—for example a lease, utility bill, bank
18 statement, or vehicle registration—instead contain the family's P.O. Box number, list
19 the name of another household member, or both. Thus, these documents do not satisfy
20 the Physical Address requirement under HB 2492.

53. There is no process available for Plaintiff Jacket and other members of
the Hopi Tribe who reside on the reservation to obtain a physical address for their home
on their own, preventing them from complying with the requirements under HB 2492.

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# Enactment of HB 2492's Physical Address Requirement

54. During hearings on the legislation, witnesses testified that the law would
prevent Native Americans who live in housing without a physical address from
registering to vote. Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Dana Almond testified that "proof

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1 of address deters those with nonstandard addresses such as [people from] Native 2 American reservations." Voter Registration; verification; citizenship: Hearing on H.B. 3 2492 Before the S. Jud. Comm., 55th Leg. 2nd Reg. Sess. (Ariz. 2022). The ACLU of 4 Arizona testified that "Native American voters without traditional addresses recognized 5 by the postal service ... would be forced to provide documentary proof of residence 6 that they may not have or that may not even exist." Id. The Arizona Asian American 7 Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander for Equity ("AZ AANHPI for Equity") Nonprofit 8 asked, "what does this bill mean for Native American tribes that do not have standard 9 addresses?" Id. The bill sponsors and other legislators that voted yes on the bill ignored 10 the warnings and passed the bill anyway.

11 55. None of the supporting legislators offered any rationale whatsoever for
12 why the Physical Address Requirement is needed to meet their stated goals of
13 preventing non-citizens from voting.

14 56. The Federal Form does not require documentary proof of where the15 registrant's home is located.

16 57. If the Physical Address Requirement is implemented, registrants who
17 lack a standard address will be unable to comply and will be left with no other
18 opportunity under the State's entire system to register to vote.

| 20 | CLAIMS FOR RELIEF   |
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| 21 | <u>COUNT I</u>  |
| 22 | National Voter Registration Act Section 6, 52 U.S.C. § 20505                    |
| 23 | Failure to Accept and Use Federal Form  |
| 24 | (On Behalf of All Plaintiffs and as to All Defendants)                          |
| 25 | 58. The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires that states "accept     |
| 26 | and use the mail voter registration application form prescribed by the Election |
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Assistance Commission pursuant to section 20508(a)(2)...for the registration of voters
 in elections for Federal office." 52 U.S.C. § 20505(a)(1).

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59. In *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Ariz., Inc.* 570 U.S. 1 (2013) ("*ITCA*"), the Supreme Court held that the NVRA preempted the application of a documentary proof of citizenship requirement passed by Arizona voters in 2004 as applied to registrations for federal elections submitted using the Federal Form.

60. After the *ITCA* ruling, the United State District Court for the District of
Arizona ordered and declared that the NVRA "precludes Arizona from requiring a
Federal Form applicant to submit information beyond that required by the [Federal]
form itself." *Gonzalez v. Arizona*, 2013 WL 7767705, at \*1 (D. Ariz. Sept. 11, 2013).

11 61. Currently, to specify the location of their residence, the Federal Form
12 directs people that live in rural areas and that do not have a street address to show where
13 they live by filling in a map at the bottom of the form. The Federal Form does not
14 require further documentary proof of location of residence.

15 62. Despite that, under HB 2492, the DPOR requirement is explicitly applied
16 to all Arizona registrations, including registrations for federal elections using the
17 Federal Form.

18 63. The NVRA precludes Defendants from requiring Federal Form
19 applicants to submit documentary proof of location of residence, as this is plainly not
20 required by the Form itself.

64. The NVRA provides that "[a] person who is aggrieved by a violation of
[the NVRA] may provide written notice of the violation to the chief election official of
the State involved." 52 U.S.C. § 20510(b)(1). If the violation is not corrected within
90 days, or within 20 days if the violation occurred within 120 days before the date of
a federal election, "the aggrieved person may bring a civil action . . . for declaratory or
injunctive relief . . . ." *Id.* § 20510(b)(2).

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| 1  | 65. Because the violations alleged herein occurred within 30 days before the   |  |  |
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| 2  | date of an election for Federal office, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 20510(b)(3), Plaintiffs as   |  |  |
| 3  | the aggrieved parties do not need to provide notice to the chief election official of the  |  |  |
| 4  | State before bringing this civil action. See, e.g., Nat'l Council of La Raza v. Cegavske,  |  |  |
| 5  | 800 F.3d 1032, 1044–45 (9th Cir. 2015) ("Neither the notice nor the complaint needs  |  |  |
| 6  | to specify that the violation has been actually observed, and that there is thus a   |  |  |
| 7  | 'discrete violation,' during the 120-day or 30-day period. It is enough that the notice  |  |  |
| 8  | letter and the complaint plausibly allege the existence of an ongoing violation within   |  |  |
| 9  | the appropriate time period, whether or not it was "discrete" during the period.").  |  |  |
| 10   | 66. HB 2492 violates Section 6 of the NVRA.  |  |  |
| 11   | 67. As a result, many members of Tohono O'odham Nation and the   |  |  |
| 12   | Gila River Indian Community will be unable to register to vote using the Federal Form  |  |  |
| 13   | as required by the NVRA.   |  |  |
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1 70. "Regulations imposing severe burdens on plaintiffs' rights must be 2 narrowly tailored and advance a compelling state interest." Angle v. Miller, 673 F.3d 3 1122, 1132 (9th Cir. 2012) (quotation marks omitted). Even a minimal burden on the 4 right to vote "require[s] an assessment of whether alternative methods would advance 5 the proffered governmental interests," Dudum v. Arntz, 640 F.3d 1098, 1114 n.27 (9th 6 Cir. 2011). See also Soltysik v. Padilla, 910 F.3d 438 (9th Cir. 2018) (quoting same).

7 71. The documentary proof of residence requirement in HB 2492 imposes a 8 severe, disparate, and/or unjustifiable burden on the fundamental right to vote of people 9 of the thousands of voting age citizens in Arizona who live in housing without a 10 standard physical address. There is no state interest sufficient to justify this burden, as 11 evidenced by the fact that Arizona has for years successfully implemented a voter 12 registration program whereby voters with nonstandard addresses may describe and/or 13 depict their location of residence in a way that fully facilitates all aspects of local 14 election administration, including polling place precinct assignments

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## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

16 Plaintiffs Tohono O'odham Nation, Alanna Siquieros, Keanu Stevens, and 17 LaDonna Jacket respectfully request that this Court enter judgement and an order 18 granting the relief outline in paragraphs A through F below. Plaintiff Gila River Indian 19 Community respectfully request that this Court enter judgment and an order granting 20 the relief outline in paragraphs A, B, D, E, and F below:

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Declare that the documentary proof of residence requirement in HB 2492 A. 22 violates and is preempted by the NVRA for registration for federal elections submitted 23 using the Federal Form;

24 B. Enjoin Defendants, along with their respective agents, officers, 25 employees, and successors from enforcing the documentary proof of residence 26 requirement as to applications for voter registration for federal elections submitted 27 using the Federal Form;

C. Declare that the documentary proof of residence requirement in HB 2492
 violates Plaintiffs' fundamental right to vote as guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth
 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution;

D. Enjoin Defendants, along with their respective agents, officers,
employees, and successors from implementing or enforcing the documentary proof of
residence requirement as to all applications for voter registration submitted using either
the state or Federal Form;

8 E. Direct Defendants, under a court-approved plan, to take all appropriate
9 measures necessary to remedy the harm caused by their noncompliance with the NVRA
10 and for their violation of Plaintiffs' First and Fourteenth Amendment rights, including,
11 without limitation, ensuring that individuals affected by their noncompliance are
12 provided remedial opportunities for voter registration;

F. Award Plaintiffs their costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees,
pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, 52 U.S.C. § 20510(c), and any other applicable law;
G. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2022.

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