

Petitioners Seek SCOTUS Merits Review in Kelly v. Commonwealth

Parties Petition High Court for a Writ of Certiorari

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PITTSBURGH—Petitioners in *Kelly et al. v. Commonwealth et al.* today filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to seek merits review by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) of their claims challenging the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's no-excuse mail-in ballot law.

Congressman Mike Kelly, Congressional candidate Sean Parnell, Commonwealth candidate Wanda Logan, and other individual petitioners are challenging the constitutionality of Pennsylvania Act 77. On December 3rd, Applicants filed an "Emergency Application for Writ of Injunction Pending the Filing and Disposition of a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari" with SCOTUS and, on December 9th, the Court denied Petitioner's request for injunction pending the filing of today's Petition.

Gregory Teufel, lead counsel for Petitioners, issued the following statement:

The basic framework of our democracy forbids the dilution of votes and the devaluation of core constitutional tenets. Procedural gymnastics aside, the central issue in this case is that Act 77 is unconstitutional under the Pennsylvania Constitution and, therefore, a violation of the U.S. Constitution, as well. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court shirked its most basic responsibility to determine whether a Pennsylvania law violates the Pennsylvania Constitution. Its holding stands in direct contravention with U.S. Supreme Court precedent and precedent from virtually every federal circuit. Because we are a nation of laws, Petitioners today respectfully implore the Supreme Court of the United States to review the merits of the case.

The core issue presented in this *Petition for Writ of Certiorari* involves an unequivocal federal question of national urgency that will, if left unaddressed, continue to impact this and every future national election. Petitioners therefore respectfully urge our nation's Highest Court to accept this case swiftly.

The original case is Kelly, Mike, et al. v. Cmwlth et al. (620 MD 2020). The PA Supreme Court docket number is 68 MAP 2020. The U.S. Supreme Court docket number for the Application seeking injunctive relief is 20A98. There will be a new docket number assigned in the U.S. Supreme Court when the petition for writ of certiorari is processed by the Court.

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