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Geoffrey Crooks, Commissioner
Washington Supreme Court
415 12th Ave SW
PO Box 40929
Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Re: McDonald, et al. v. Reed, et al.

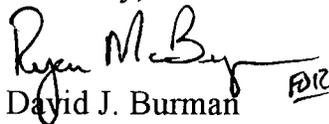
Dear Commissioner Crooks:

On behalf of David McDonald, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, and other petitioners, we have today filed a matter related to the impending recount of the gubernatorial election. Attached are copies for your office of the pleadings. We will also shortly forward to you by email pdf versions of the pleadings to facilitate your distribution of them. Please let me know if they should be directed to an email address other than yours, which I believe is GEOFF.CROOKS@COURTS.WA.GOV.

As you will see, the pleadings include a motion for emergency relief, to be heard as early next week as possible. We appreciate your office's assistance in arranging that if the Court (or a Justice) is available and agrees.

Please let me know if we can do anything to assist in timely review of this important matter.

Sincerely,


David J. Burman *DBR*

cc: Counsel for Respondents

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