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Judge Jefferson Griffin  
North Carolina Court of Appeals  
PO Box 888  
Raleigh, NC 27602

Dear Judge Griffin:

As members of North Carolina's legal community, we urge you to concede your loss in the race for a seat on the North Carolina Supreme Court, bringing the nation's last uncertified contest in the 2024 election to a close.

The undersigned attorneys include members of the North Carolina bar who cover the political spectrum from conservative to progressive. We practice various types of law. Several of us were honored to serve on the appellate and trial courts of our state. We ran for office to serve there. We hold in common the view that your continuing effort to overturn the vote in the election for a seat on the North Carolina Supreme Court has become a threat to the public's faith in our judicial system.

Our state has extensive experience with close elections and we have procedures to ensure that the count is accurate. Those processes played out here, at your request, including two recounts.

Although we elect jurists in our state under a partisan banner, we must guard the people's confidence that the jurists we elect apply the law without partisan preference.

The arguments you have advanced ask our judicial system to change the rules in place for the 2024 election after it has run its course. Indeed, if you succeed, tens of thousands of voters will lose their voice after they voted.

For the sake of our judicial system, we ask you to terminate your litigation now.

Sincerely,

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