



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

PALM BEACH COUNTY
CANVASSING BOARD,

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Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO. 00-2346

KATHERINE HARRIS, as
Secretary of State of the
State of Florida, and
ROBERT A. BUTTERWORTH, as
Attorney General of the
State of Florida,

Respondents.

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE AND EXPEDITE REVIEW

Respondent, ROBERT A. BUTTERWORTH, as Attorney General of Florida, hereby moves to consolidate this cause with HARRIS v. THE CIRCUIT JUDGES OF THE ELEVENTH, FIFTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUITS OF FLORIDA, et al., CASE NO. 00-2345, filed on this day.

In support of this motion, the Attorney General represents that the issues in both causes are interrelated and a just, fair and complete resolution of the issues raised in both actions can be accomplished more efficiently and expeditiously by consolidation of these cases. A consolidated resolution of these issues would provide finality.

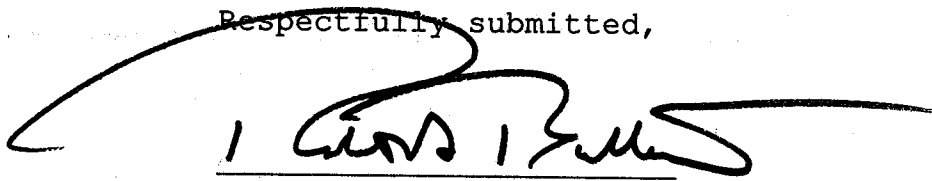
Further, the Attorney General requests that the Court give priority to disposition of this case in recognition of the significant national and state concerns to be addressed. This

case presents extraordinary circumstances involving issues of grave national and state concerns that need expeditious resolution. See, *Monroe Education Association v. Clerk, District Court of Appeal, Third District*, 299 So. 2d 1 (Fla. 1974).

Counsel for Petitioner has authorized counsel for Respondent, ROBERT A. BUTTERWORTH, to represent that Petitioner does not object to the requested consolidation.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant Attorney General hereby moves for consolidation of the two causes now before this Court and requests that this Honorable Court expeditiously resolve these pressing issues of state and national concern.

Respectfully submitted,



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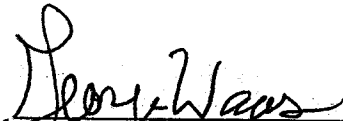
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