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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA MIDDLE DISTRICT

No. 73 MM 2022

TOM WOLF, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and LEIGH M. CHAPMAN, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

Petitioners,

v.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Respondent.

PETITIONERS' ANSWER TO APPLICATION BY SENATOR KIM WARD AND SENATE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS FOR LEAVE TO FILE OVER-LENGTH AMICUS BRIEF

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In their Application for Leave To File Over-Length *Amicus Curiae* Brief, Senator Ward and the Senate Republican Caucus assert that they plan to file a brief that is "substantially identical to the August 17 answer previously filed by the Caucus." App. ¶ 10. Petitioners Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Leigh M. Chapman, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, object to the Application to the extent that *Amici* argue issues not already raised by the parties. *See*, *e.g.*, *Banfield v. Cortes*, 110 A.3d 155, 172 n.14 (Pa. 2015)

("[A]micus briefs cannot raise issues not set forth by the parties."); *Commonwealth v. Noel*, 104 A.3d 1156, 1168 n.21 (Pa. 2014) (declining to reach claim asserted by amicus because claim was not raised by parties). Further, Petitioners reserve the right to seek leave to file a response.

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