

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE STATE OF TEXAS; GREG ABBOTT IN  
HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF  
TEXAS; TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY STEVEN McCRAW, IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-00008-DAE (LEAD CASE)

CONSOLIDATED WITH 1:23-CV-1537-DAE

**DEFENDANT BILL D. HICKS, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE 34TH DISTRICT'S NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Defendant BILL D. HICKS, in his official capacity as District Attorney for the 34th District, appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit the trial court's Order signed on February 29, 2024 (Dkt. 42) granting Plaintiffs' Motions for Preliminary Injunction.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on March 8, 2024, and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF.

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