## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA SENATE, and TONI JENNINGS, in her official capacity as a Member of and as the President of The Florida Senate and as a citizen and taxpayer of the State of Florida,

Petitioners,

v.

Case No. 95,960

KATHERINE HARRIS, in her official capacity as Secretary of State of the State of Florida, and ROBERT MILLIGAN in his official capacity as Comptroller of the State of Florida,

Respondents.

RESPONSE TO THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

COMES NOW THE FLORIDA COMPTROLLER, by and through his undersigned counsel, and states and avers that his office takes no position regarding the merits of this issue and awaits the direction of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the Florida Comptroller's response has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail to the parties listed below, this the 23d day of July, 1999.

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