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Lyle W. Cayce, Clerk of Court U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit 600 S. Maestri Place New Orleans, LA 70130

RE: Chambless Enterprises, LLC v. Walensky, No. 21-30037

Dear Mr. Cayce:

We respectfully inform the Court of a recent 11th Circuit ruling in a related case. In *Brown v. Secretary of Health and Human Services*, No. 20-14210, 2021 WL 2944379 (11th Cir. July 14, 2021), the 11th Circuit panel majority affirmed the denial of the landlords' request for a preliminary injunction to prevent enforcement of the CDC eviction moratorium. The court concluded that the landlords failed to show that a preliminary injunction was necessary to prevent irreparable harm, rejecting the same theories of irreparable harm that plaintiffs raise in this case. *Id.* at *3-6. And although the majority (and the dissent) expressed doubts as to the district court's ruling on the landlords' likelihood of success on the merits, the court had no need to consider or resolve the issue because, like plaintiffs here, "the landlords chose to pursue a preliminary injunction on appeal" and failed to show the indispensable prerequisite of irreparable harm. *Id.* at *6.

Sincerely,

s/Brian J. Springer

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cc (via CM/ECF): Counsel of Record

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