

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

THE STATE OF GEORGIA,

v.

JOHN CHARLES EASTMAN, et al.

Case No.: 23SC188947

**DEFENDANT EASTMAN’S OPPOSITION TO THE STATE’S MOTION
TO SCHEDULE TRIAL DATE FOR AUGUST 5, 2024**

Defendant John Charles Eastman, by and through his counsel, files this, his Opposition to the “State’s Motion To Schedule Trial Date For August 5, 2024,” (“Motion”) stating, in part, that waiting until June 21, 2024 for “the Final Plea date” is both arbitrary and capricious. The “Final Plea date” should be established earlier in 2024 so that Defendants who do not have lifetime United States Secret Service protection and who are not running for election to an office can exercise and have their right to a jury trial **completed** within 2024.

Within the State’s Motion, the State asserts it “will entertain guilty pleas up until the Final Plea date.”¹ Motion at 2. It continues, “[a]fter the Final Plea date, the Defendants will only have the option of non-negotiated pleas, and the State intends

¹ Former President Defendant Donald John Trump has already filed his opposition to the State’s trial date motion and seeks a hearing. Defendant Eastman also seeks a hearing on this matter.

to recommend maximum sentences at any remaining sentencing hearings.” *Id.*
“Moreover, the State requests this Court to not consider any severance issues until
after the Final Plea date.” *Id.*

Establishing a “Final Plea date” earlier in 2024 and severing the Defendants
into two groups would provide more than enough time for the Court to try two trials
each of eight on fewer defendants, absent former president Trump who at the present
may be said to be the presumptive Republican nominee for the office of President of
the United States. Without Defendant Trump in the courtroom the U.S. Secret
Service will not be involved in providing enhanced security, and the trials will
proceed faster.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of November 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing DEFENDANT EASTMAN'S OPPOSITION TO THE STATE'S MOTION TO SCHEDULE TRIAL DATE FOR AUGUST 5, 2024 by filing the same with the Clerk of Court using the Odyssey eFileGA electronic filing system, which will automatically send email notification of such filing to all parties of record.

This 27th day of November 2023.

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