IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 21-9101

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO
PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY FORM

ORDERED that:

1.   On October 13, 2020, in Mis. Dkt. No. 20-9118, the Court adopted a Protective Order Registry Form.

2.   In accordance with Act of May 21, 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., ch. 934 (HB 3774, codified at TEX. FAM. CODE §§ 72.151–.158), the Court approves the following amended Protective Order Registry Form, effective September 1, 2021.

3.   The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:

   a.   file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;

   b.   cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*; and

   c.   send a copy of this Order to each elected member of the Legislature; and

   d.   submit a copy of the Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: August 27, 2021

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Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice
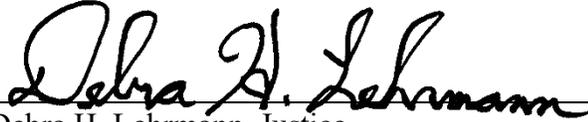
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Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice

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Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice
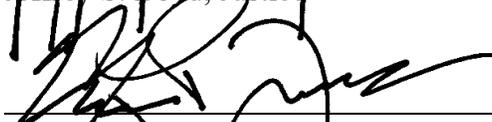
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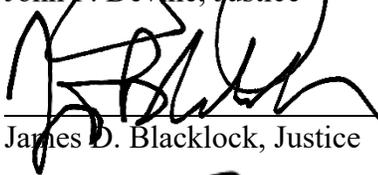
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James D. Blacklock, Justice

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J. Brett Busby, Justice

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Jane N. Bland, Justice

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Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice

Cause Number: _____

Applicant/Petitioner: _____   In the _____ Court

v.   of

Respondent: _____   _____ County, Texas

(Fill in the above blanks. Look at the Protective Order or contact the court for the above information.)

CONSENT TO PUBLISH OR REMOVE INFORMATION FROM
PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY PUBLIC VIEW

A "Protected Person" is a person who is protected by a final protective order issued by the court under Chapter 85 of the Texas Family Code or Subchapter A, Chapter 7B of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

As a Protected Person, you have the right under Chapter 72 of the Texas Government Code to request public access to certain information about your order on the Office of Court Administration's Protective Order Registry website, so long as the order has not been vacated.

If you request it, <u>only</u> the following information will be viewable by the public on the Registry website:

- the name of the court that issued the protective order;
- the case number (sometimes called the "cause number");
- the full name, county of residence, birth year, and race or ethnicity of the person you are protected from by the protective order (sometimes called the "Respondent"); and
- the dates the protective order was issued, was served, and expired (or will expire).

If you have previously requested that the public see the above information on the Registry website, you may later request removal of that information from the Registry website's public view. (NOTE: If more than one Protected Person has requested that the information be publicly viewable, then all those Protected Persons need to request removal for the information to be removed).

If you would like to request that the public see the above information on the Registry website, or if you have previously requested that the public see the above information and would now like to remove it from the Registry website, you need to: (1) fill in the blanks on this form; (2) sign and date this form; AND (3) file (turn in) this form with the court. ***NOTE: You may file this form in person, by mail, or by using the eFile system. If using eFile, and you do NOT want other parties to be notified of this request, you MUST uncheck the other party on the Service Contacts screen.***

_____ *(Write the Protected Person's full name)* is a Protected Person who is protected by a final protective order issued on _____ *(Write the date of the Protective Order)* in the cause number listed above. Respondent's full name is _____.

As a Protected Person or the parent/guardian of a Protected Person*, I _____ *(Write your full name)* request the information listed above be: *(Check one of the following boxes)*

☐   Made available for viewing by the public on the Protective Order Registry website.

    OR

☐   Removed from public view on the Protective Order Registry website.

I declare, **under penalty of perjury**, that I am a Protected Person or the parent/guardian* of a Protected Person in the cause number listed above. (*Before signing this form, make sure all the statements are true. Declaring under penalty of perjury means you can be prosecuted, go to jail, or pay a fine if any of the statements are not true.*)

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Protected Party/Guardian Signature*   *Date*
Must not be Respondent listed in the case