

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

*In re* Subpoena to Non-Party Lindsey  
O. Graham in his official capacity as  
United States Senator,

Case No. 1:22-cv-03027-LMM

in the matter of:

Special Purpose Grand Jury, Fulton  
County Superior Court Case No.  
2022-EX-000024.

**SENATOR LINDSEY O. GRAHAM'S MOTION FOR AN IMMEDIATE  
HEARING ON HIS EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY ORDER AND  
ENJOIN SELECT GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPEAL**

In accordance with Local Rules 7.2(B) and 65.2, United States Senator Lindsey O. Graham ("Senator Graham"), respectfully moves the Court to decide his Motion to Stay Order and Enjoin Select Grand Jury Proceedings Pending Appeal on an emergency, expedited basis. Specifically, Senator Graham requests that the Court waive the usual time requirements and immediately decide the Motion or, in the alternative, grant a hearing as soon as possible, but no later than August 18, to be followed by a decision immediately thereafter. As explained in the accompanying memorandum of law, good cause exists for emergency treatment because Senator Graham asserts constitutional immunity from questioning and will therefore be irreparably harmed if forced to appear before the Special Purpose Grand Jury as a

witness on August 23, as currently scheduled, or any time before disposition of his appeal from this Court's order denying his Motion to Quash.

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**SENATOR LINDSEY O. GRAHAM'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF  
HIS MOTION FOR AN IMMEDIATE HEARING ON HIS EMERGENCY  
MOTION TO STAY ORDER AND ENJOIN SELECT GRAND JURY  
PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPEAL**

Senator Graham is currently scheduled to be questioned before a state Special Purpose Grand Jury on August 23—less than a week away—about what he claims was his protected “Speech or Debate,” despite the Constitution’s command that Senators “shall not be questioned” on such matters and even though sovereign immunity should bar the subpoena lodged against him. *See* U.S. Const. art. I, § 6, cl. 1. Senator Graham has a statutorily-guaranteed right to appeal this Court’s rejection of these immunities, which will be violated upon questioning. But, despite Senator Graham’s request, the District Attorney has thus far not agreed to postpone Senator Graham’s appearance before the grand jury pending the outcome of that forthcoming appeal, which Senator Graham offered to expedite.<sup>1</sup> (Ex. 1, Decl. of Brian C. Lea). Because the District Attorney’s apparent tactics would deny Senator Graham his right to be heard in appellate court, Senator Graham has filed a Motion to stay this Court’s order remanding the case to state court and to enjoin the Special Purpose Grand Jury from questioning Senator Graham pending the outcome of his appeal.

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<sup>1</sup> As explained in the attached declaration, Senator Graham’s counsel spoke with counsel for the Special Purpose Grand Jury (F. McDonald Wakeford) at approximately 9:00 AM on August 16 and proposed postponing Senator Graham’s appearance before the Special Purpose Grand Jury until after disposition of his appeal. Mr. Wakeford stated that he would check with his colleagues and provide an answer by the end of the day. No response was received on August 16, and the District Attorney’s office has not returned two follow-up calls placed on the morning of August 17.

That Motion should be decided on an expedited basis because Senator Graham’s scheduled grand jury appearance is less than a week away. Therefore, and as explained further below, the Court should waive the time requirements under Local Rules 7.2 and 65.2 and immediately decide the Motion or, in the alternative, grant a hearing as soon as possible, but no later than August 18, to be followed by a decision immediately thereafter.

### **ARGUMENT**

Local Rules 7.2(B) and 65.2 both allow this Court to waive the standard time requirements of Local Rule 7.1 and “grant an immediate hearing on any matter requiring such expedited procedure.” They require a motion setting forth good cause for the expedited procedure and the necessity for such expedited procedure. *Id.*

Here, good cause exists for this Court to grant Senator Graham’s motion for emergency treatment. This Court denied Senator Graham’s motion to quash the Special Purpose Grand Jury Subpoena (“Subpoena”) on August 15. (Doc. 27.) Governing law gives Senator Graham a right to appeal that decision. *See, e.g., BP P.L.C. v. Mayor & City Council of Baltimore*, 141 S. Ct. 1532, 1538 (2021); *Quackenbush v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, 517 U.S. 706, 711–12 (1996). But, in his forthcoming appeal, Senator Graham will assert immunities—the same ones asserted in this Court—that will be irreparably damaged by the grand jury’s very act of

questioning on August 23. *See, e.g., United States v. Swindall*, 971 F.2d 1531, 1549 (11th Cir. 1992). Senator Graham therefore asked the District Attorney if she would postpone Senator Graham's appearance pending the outcome of his appeal, for which he offered to seek expedition. *See* (Ex. 1, Decl. of Brian C. Lea). The District Attorney has neither responded nor returned follow-up phone calls, despite stating that the District Attorney would answer Senator Graham's request by the end of August 16. *Id.*

Senator Graham has now filed a Motion to stay this Court's Order of August 15 and to enjoin the special purpose grand jury from questioning him—both to protect his right to appeal and the more fundamental constitutional immunities it in turn protects. But there is not enough time between now and August 23—less than a week—for the usual briefing schedule set forth in Local Rule 7.1 to run its course prior to Senator Graham's scheduled testimony. *See* LR 7.1(A)–(C), NDGa (allowing fourteen days to file both a response to a motion and a reply to a motion). Given those circumstances and the important constitutional interests at stake, good cause exists for this Court to decide Senator Graham's Motion on an emergency, expedited basis.



**CONCLUSION**

Thus, upon good cause shown, Senator Graham respectfully requests that this Court waive the time requirements under Locals Rule 7.1 and 65.2 and immediately decide the Motion or, in the alternative, grant a hearing as soon as possible, but no later than August 18, to be followed by a decision immediately thereafter.

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