

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Monday, the 17th day of November, 2025.

PRESENT: All the Justices

CHARLES STIMSON, RECTOR OF
THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, ET AL.,

PETITIONERS,

against Record No. 250736
 Circuit Court No. CL-2025-9205

L. LOUISE LUCAS, ET AL.,

RESPONDENTS.

UPON A PETITION UNDER CODE § 8.01-626

This matter comes before the Court on a “Petition for Review Pursuant to Code § 8.01-626” seeking an interlocutory appeal of a preliminary injunction issued by the Circuit Court of Fairfax County. Itself an “extraordinary remedy,” Virginia Code Comm’n, *Revision of Title 8 of the Code of Virginia*, House Doc. No. 14, at 347 (1977), an interlocutory appeal under Code § 8.01-626 calls upon the Court to exercise its adjudicatory discretion either to grant the petition (resulting in an affirmance, reversal, or a partial combination of both) or to refuse the petition (returning the disputed matter to the lower court for further proceedings).

A refusal of a petition for review under Code § 8.01-626 does not prejudice the petitioners’ right of appeal following a final judgment. Nor does it limit the parties’ or the lower court’s opportunity to more fully develop the record. Having no precedential weight in and of itself, a refusal of a petition for interlocutory review also imposes no law-of-the-case limitations on the lower court’s power to later reconsider its ruling in full or in part while the matter remains within its jurisdiction.

Having reviewed the record along with the parties’ written and oral arguments, the Court refuses the petition for review filed in this case.

It is so ORDERED.

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Clerk