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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Glenn F. McConnell
President Pro Tempore, South Carolina Senate
c/o Michael A. Carvin, Esq.
Jones Day
51 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. McConnell:

This refers to Act No. 71 (S. 815) (2011), which provides the 2011 redistricting plan for the South Carolina Senate, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your response to our September 26, 2011, request for additional information on September 29, 2011; additional information was received on October 7, 2011.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified change. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the change. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. E. Perez", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General