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Dear Mr. Torchinsky:

This refers to Act No. 1 (HB 1) of the First Extraordinary Session, 2011, which provides for the 2011 redistricting of the Louisiana House of Representatives, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on April 21, 2011; supplemental information was received through May 19, 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,

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General