

EXHIBIT A



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Civil Rights Division

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Dear Messrs. Olens and Dunn and Ms. Lewis:

This refers to Act No. 1EX (H.B. 1EX) (2011 Special Session), which provides for the redistricting of the House of Representatives; Act No. 2EX (S.B. 1EX) (2011 Special Session), which provides for the redistricting of the Senate; and Act No. 3EX (H.B. 20EX) (2011 Special Session), which provides for the redistricting of the congressional districts for the State of Georgia, 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 October 24, 2011; additional information was received through December 19, 2011.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. 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 changes. 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 "Thomas E. Perez". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General