

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

STATE OF MICHIGAN)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	No. 1:11-cv-01938-RJL-BMK-CKK
)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

NOTICE OF CONSENT BY UNITED STATES

In this action, Plaintiff State of Michigan seeks a declaratory judgment that its proposed 2011 redistricting plans for the Michigan House and Senate and for Michigan’s congressional districts will not violate Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c, as those plans pertain to the two Michigan jurisdictions that are subject to Section 5, Clyde Township in Alleghen County, and Buena Vista Township in Saginaw County. The statutory defendants in this action are the United States of America and the Attorney General of the United States ("the United States").

The United States has determined that Michigan can meet its burden of proof under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and can show, with respect to the two covered townships, that the proposed 2011 redistricting plans for the Michigan House and Senate and for Michigan’s congressional districts “neither ha[ve] the purpose nor will have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color, or in contravention of the guarantees set forth in [42 U.S.C.] 1973b(f)(2)...” 42 U.S.C. 1973c(a). Accordingly, the United States will consent to the declaratory judgment sought by Michigan that the 2011 redistricting plans contained in Public Act 128 (House Bill 4780) and in Public Act 129 (Senate Bill 498) do not

violate Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Counsel for the United States will consult with counsel for Michigan on the appropriate next steps.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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