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The Honorable Chris McDaniel
Chairperson, Mississippi Senate Elections Committee
P.O. Box 1018
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The Honorable William C. Denny, Jr.
Chairperson, Mississippi House of Representatives
Apportionment and Elections Committee
P.O. Box 12185
Jackson, Mississippi 39236-2185

Dear Senator McDaniel and Representative Denny:

This refers to Joint Resolution No. 201 (2012), which provides the 2012 redistricting plan for the Senate, and Joint Resolution No. 1 (2012), which provides the 2012 redistricting plan for the House of Representatives, for the State of Mississippi, 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 July 16, 2012; additional information was received through September 11, 2012.

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 "Tom E. Perez", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General