



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

May 18, 2012

Mr. C. Daniel Chill, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Chill:

This refers to Chapter 16 (S.6696-A.9525) (2012) and Chapter 20 (S.6755-A.9584) (2012), insofar as they relate to the redistricting plan for the State Assembly of the State of New York, 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 March 28, 2012; additional information was received on April 5, 2012.

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.

Because the status of this submission is before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in *State of New York v. United States*, 1:12-cv-00500 (D.D.C.) (three-judge court), we are providing a copy of this letter to the court and counsel of record in that case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom E. Perez".

Thomas E. Perez  
Assistant Attorney General