The Honorable E. Duncan Getchell, Jr.
Solicitor General
900 East Main Street
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Dear Mr. Getchell:

This refers to Chapter 1 (H.B. 5005) of the First Special Session, 2011, which provides for the 2011 redistricting of the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate, 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 May 11, 2011; additional information was received through May 31, 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,

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Assistant Attorney General