

**U.S. Department of Justice**

Civil Rights Division

*Office of the Assistant Attorney General**Washington, D.C. 20530***OCT 11 2011**

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Dear Mr. White:

This refers to the 2011 House of Representatives and Senate redistricting plans, the truncated terms of office for nine Senate seats, and the implementation of the Senate schedule for the State of Alaska, 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 August 9, 2011; additional information was received through September 8, 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 "Tom E. Perez".

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General