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Dear Mr. White:

This refers to the 2012 House of Representatives and Senate redistricting plans 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 May 25, 2012; additional information was received through May 29, 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".

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General