



U. S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20035

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Francis S. Ferguson, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

This refers to Chapter 7 (2001 Special Session 1), which redistricts the Virginia Congressional Districts, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on August 17, 2001; supplemental information was received on August 28 and September 14, 2001.

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. In addition, as authorized by Section 5, we reserve the right to reexamine this submission if additional information that would otherwise require an objection comes to our attention during the remainder of the sixty-day review period. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.41 and 51.43).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RFB", written over a horizontal line.

Ralph F. Boyd, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
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