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Civil Rights Division

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Stephen B. Pershing, Esq. 1416 E Street, N. E. Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Pershing:

This refers to the Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution 41 (CACR 41) (2006), which schedules the November 2006 constitutional amendment election regarding the creation of at-large floterial districts, and specifies the ballot format; the adoption of the constitutional amendment authorizing the use of floterial districts; and Chapters 8 (S.B. 201) and 9 (H.B. 592) (2012), which provide the 2012 Senate and House redistricting plans, for the State of New Hampshire, 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 April 6, 2012; additional information was received through May 18, 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,

Thomas E. Perez

Assistant Attorney General