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Mr. Chris Herren
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Washington, D.C. 20006

Re: Submission under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act:
Chapter 1, 2011 Virginia Acts of Assembly (Special Session I) Redistricting
the Virginia General Assembly's House of Delegates and Senate

Dear Mr. Herren:

Simultaneous with the filing of suit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia seeking judicial preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c, the Commonwealth submits the enclosed information – material sufficient to serve as a complete submission for administrative preclearance under Section 5. The Commonwealth further requests that you preclear Chapter 1, 2011 Va. Acts (Special Session 1) thereby mooting the suit. Chapter 1 redistricts the House of Delegates and the Senate of the Virginia General Assembly as mandated by Article II, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia. It amends the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 24.2-303.3, by adding in Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 24.2 a section numbered 24.2-304.03, and by repealing §§ 24.2-303.1, 24.2-303.2, 24.2-304.01, and 24.2-304.02 of the Code of Virginia.

This submission includes the information required under 28 C.F.R. §§ 51.26 and 51.27, as well as supplemental information permitted under § 51.28. A portion of the information is provided on DVDs. The DVD accompanying Attachment 10 contains maps not available online. The DVD accompanying Attachment 11 contains election returns from the past 10 years. The DVD accompanying Attachment 17 includes the floor debates regarding Chapter 1.

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It is essential that the Department of Justice review and approve this submission by the first week of June 2011, so as to minimize any disruption in the conduct of the Commonwealth's primary elections to be held on August 23, 2011. We look forward to working with you on this matter and are prepared to provide you with any further information the Department may require to complete its review of this submission. Please do not hesitate to call me, at (804) 786-7240 if you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Duncan Getchell, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

E. Duncan Getchell, Jr.
Solicitor General of Virginia