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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

This refers to Chapter 1 (2001 Special Session 1), which redistricts the Virginia House of Delegates, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on May 2, 2001; supplemental information was received through June 4, 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,

William R. Yeomans
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division