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Dear Messrs. Bardos and Levesque:

This refers to Constitutional Amendment 5, "Standards for Legislature to Follow in Legislative Redistricting," and Constitutional Amendment 6, "Standards for Legislature to Follow in Congressional Redistricting," for the State of Florida, 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 March 30, 2011.

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,

for T. Christian Herren, Jr.

T. Christian Herren, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section