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Dear Mr. Gaines:

This refers to the 2011 city council redistricting plan for the City of Columbia in Lexington and Richland Counties, South Carolina, 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 September 2, 2011; additional information was received through October 18, 2011.

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. 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.
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Chief, Voting Section

