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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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June 9, 2011

Richard E. Railey, Jr., Esq.
County Attorney
Mr. Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator
P.O. Box 400
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Dear Messrs. Railey and Johnson:

This refers to the elimination of a voting precinct and its polling place, the realignment of voting precincts, and the 2011 redistricting plan for the board of supervisors for Southampton County, Virginia, 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 29, 2011; supplemental information was received on May 23, 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. 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. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41 and 51.43.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Christian Herren, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

T. Christian Herren, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section