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The Honorable Charles J. Crist, Jr.  
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Dear Attorney General Crist:

This refers to House Joint Resolution 25E (2003), which provides the redistricting plan for the Florida House of Representatives, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on December 10, 2003.

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. See Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (28 C.F.R. 51.41).

Sincerely,

R. Alexander Acosta  
Assistant Attorney General