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The Honorable John M. McKay
President, State of Florida Senate
The Honorable Tom Feeney
Speaker, State of Florida House of Representatives
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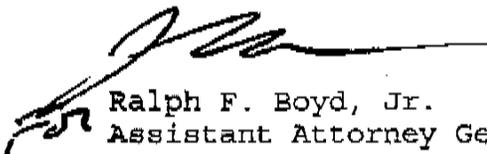
Dear President McKay and Speaker Feeney:

This refers to House Joint Resolution No. 1987 (2002), which provides the redistricting plan for the senate and house of representatives, and rennumbers the senate districts for the State of Florida, 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 1, 2002; supplemental information was received through June 12, 2002.

With regard to the redistricting plan and the renumbering of districts for the senate, 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. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.41 and 51.43).

We are continuing to review the redistricting plan for the house of representatives, and by July 1, 2002, we will make a determination on this change or request from you any specific items of additional information necessary to complete our review under Section 5.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Attorney General