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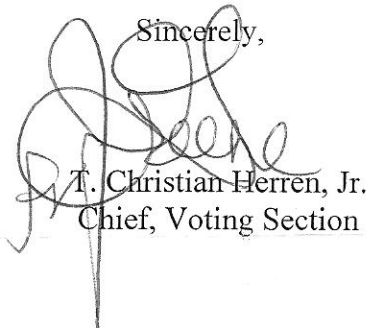
Lydia Quarles, Esq.
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Dear Ms. Quarles and Mr. Breen:

This refers to the 2012 redistricting plan, the addition and elimination of voting precincts and polling places, the polling place name change and the realignment of voting precincts for the City of Biloxi in Harrison County, Mississippi, 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 January 22, 2013.

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,



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Chief, Voting Section