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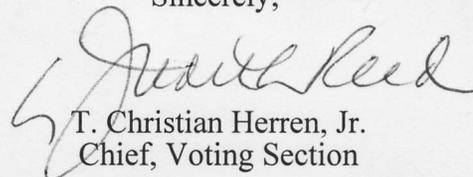
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Dear Ms. Wall:

This refers to the change in candidate qualifications for the office of sheriff for the State of North 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 February 16, 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. 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,



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Chief, Voting Section

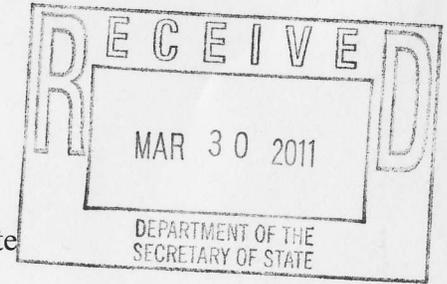
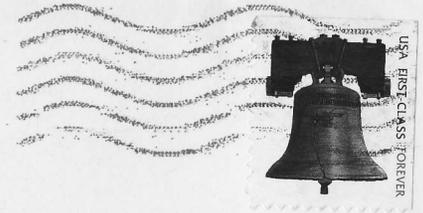
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