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Dear Bill:

I am in receipt of your recent letter. You have enclosed a copy of a recent letter from the Justice Department in which they approved part of the Act bearing ratification number 475. Specifically, they have approved the change from at large to single member districts and the actual districting plan; however, they have not yet approved the proposed procedure to implement the plan. The Justice Department has instead requested additional information regarding this procedure. You state that the county election commission feels it should conduct an election under the old plan of at large in that the entire Act has not been pre-cleared. You have stated that it is your opinion and the opinion of the Justice Department that the at large plan can not now be utilized in this election as the single member plan has been approved. You have requested my thoughts on this situation.

I would agree with your interpretation and that of the Justice Department, that as they have approved a single member plan, the at large system can no longer be deemed to be in effect.

Sincerely yours,

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Treva G. Ashworth  
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