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The Honorable John Cornyn
U.S. Senate
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Dear Senator Cornyn:

I appreciated the opportunity to deliver testimony before the sub-committee on the significance of the Supreme Court's decision in *LULAC v. Perry*, 126 S. Ct. 2594 (2006) prior to the vote to renew the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Your letter enclosing additional questions for witnesses at the hearing was sent to me on July 24, 2006, four days after the Senate voted to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act. As you know, President Bush signed the reauthorization bill into law on July 27, 2006.

As I expressed during my oral presentation, although that decision does not bear directly on the provisions that Congress recently renewed, there are aspects of the decision that lend support to the renewal. Now that the bill has become law, I believe that it is most appropriate for me to rely upon the thorough testimony and responses that were provided to your questions by other voting rights litigators (including Ted Shaw, Pam Karlan, Armand Derfner, Laughlin MacDonald, Robert McDuff, and Anita Earls, among others) prior to the Senate's vote rather than attempting to expand the record, in ways that may be cumulative, at this date.

Very truly yours,

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