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IL	John Payton President and Director-Counsel NAACP Legal Defense Fund Ltr – re <i>Northwest Austin v. Municipal Utility</i> <i>District Number One v. Holder</i> amicus brief	6/9	6/23	NRN. Forwarded to Pat Larson as an FYI.	
IL	Portia L. Roberson, Director U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison Ltr – DOJ office working with ABA to improve relations and disseminate information	6/17	6/24	OP will draft response for TW. Forwarded to Tom Susman, Jack Hanna and Terry Brooks as an FYI.	

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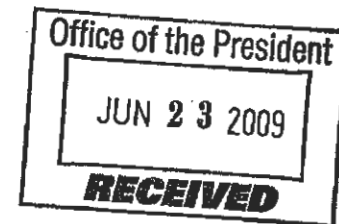
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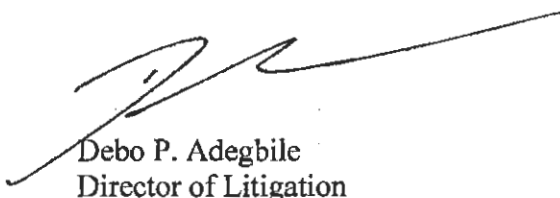
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Dear Mr. Wells:

Northwest Austin v. Municipal Utility District Number One v. Holder is one of the most important voting rights actions to come before the Court in recent time. Moreover, the decision has the potential to affect the contours of Congressional enforcement powers more broadly. The amicus brief that you submitted to the Court made a very important and meaningful contribution to the case.

As we await the Court's decision, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



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Dear President Wells:

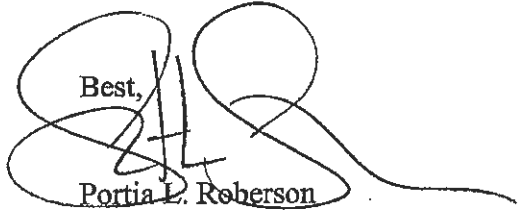
I have recently been appointed as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison for the Department of Justice (DOJ), and would like to take this time to introduce myself and my agency to you and to your organization.

Attorney General Eric Holder and the Department of Justice are committed to ensuring that all DOJ Components have a coordinated partnership with your organization. Mr. Holder has stressed that his administration should have open lines of communications both inside and outside the Department and to the extent that it is possible, constituency groups such as yours are not encumbered by bureaucracy and red tape.

In furtherance of that goal, Mr. Holder has asked me to establish procedures to make certain that you and your organization have a direct line of contact within the DOJ. Our office is focused on being the coordinating center of Departmental activities relating to Intergovernmental Affairs. We will work with you to improve relations and disseminate information.

To that end, please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns you or your organization may have regarding the Department of Justice. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future, and I will be seeking your advice and counsel to ensure success of our mutual goals.

Best,


Portia L. Roberson
Director

