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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: Local Act Amendment for Cobb County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rowling:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your notification letter and required documentation regarding a Local Act Amendment that was approved by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners during its two consecutive meetings held on October 11, 2022, and October 25, 2022 (the "Amendment"). The required documentation received included a copy of the Amendment, a copy of the required notice of publication, and an affidavit of a duly authorized representative of the newspaper in which the notice was published.

A copy of your letter and the required documentation are enclosed for your reference. These documents bear a filing date of October 26, 2022, which is the date on which such documents were filed in this office. The documents have been sent to the Office of Legislative Counsel for publishing. However, you should not consider the ministerial function of filing the Amendment with our office or the publishing of the Amendment to be a comment on whether the Amendment is allowable under state law or a proper exercise of authority by the Cobb County Commission, nor should you rely on it to attempt to establish the validity of the Amendment.

In fact, it appears that the Amendment is very likely an unauthorized exercise of authority by the Cobb County Commission that does not comply with Georgia law or the Georgia Constitution. *See enclosed* October 3, 2022 letter from Office of Legislative Counsel. Proceeding with invalid district lines could subject the Cobb County Board of Elections to sanctions for putting voters in improper districts.

Sincerely,

C. Ryan Germany
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Enclosures

Cc: Office of Legislative Counsel (via email)
Cobb County Board of Elections (via email to Daniel White)