EXHIBIT 2-C

OCTOBER 10, 2008 LETTER

TO SECRETARY OF STATE KAREN HANDEL

FROM CHISTOPHER COATES
October 10, 2008

The Honorable Karen Handel
Secretary of State
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Secretary Handel:

We are writing to request information concerning your State's participation in the Help America Vote Verification program (HAVV), established pursuant to Section 303(a)(5) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), 42 U.S.C. 15483(a)(5). HAVV, which is administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA), pursuant to agreements with individual States, enables State elections officials to attempt to verify certain information provided to States on new voter registration applications.

We have been recently provided by Michael J. Astrue, SSA Commissioner, with a copy of a October 3, 2008 letter sent to your State by the SSA expressing concern about your State's implementation of the HAVV program. In its letter, the SSA indicates that the volume of HAVV voter verification requests submitted by your State during fiscal year 2008 is significantly higher than would normally be expected from a State of your population, given SSA’s experience in administering HAVV across the country. SSA asks you to review your State’s use of HAVV to ensure that you are utilizing the HAVV program as set forth in SSA’s agreement with your State and consistent with HAVA.

We wish to ensure that the State is complying with the requirements of all federal statutes that the Civil Rights Division has the responsibility to enforce, including the National Voter Registration Act and the Voting Rights Act. Accordingly, we request that you provide us promptly with any response you send to SSA concerning this matter. In addition, we would like you to provide this Division as soon as possible with a detailed description of your State’s implementation of the HAVV program, including specifically: under what circumstances voter information verification requests are submitted to the SSA; whether such requests are made to verify information contained only on applications submitted by newly-registering voters in your State who have provided the last four digits of their social security number; whether your State is utilizing the HAVV system where already-registered voters submit updates (such as changes of
address or name) to their registration records; and, whether your State is or has been utilizing the HAVV system to verify information on your entire already-existing voter registration list, or any subset of the same. Likewise, we would appreciate any explanation you can provide regarding the reasons for the apparently exceptionally high levels of HAVV transactions from your State.

Given the imminency of the upcoming federal election and the ongoing efforts of all States to place properly eligible voter registration applicants on the voter rolls, we would like a response to our inquiry within one week of the date of this letter. We are of course available to discuss this matter with you at any time. If you desire to do so or have any questions concerning this request, please contact Chris Herren, a Deputy Chief in the Voting Section, at 202-514-1416. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Christopher Coates
Chief
Voting Section