RICHARD GOODEN, ANDREW JONES, and EKEYESTO DOSS,
    Plaintiffs,

v.

NANCY WORLEY, in her official capacity as Alabama Secretary of State; NELL HUNTER, in her official capacity as Jefferson County Voter Registrar; and ANITA GIBSON, WALTER LONG, and MOLLY MEADOWS in their official capacities as Houston County Voter Registrars,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:05-cv-2562

Exhibit 11
Dear Registrar:

State of Alabama

There are several important issues involving voter registration on which I need to give you some information. Please read each bullet below carefully.

CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

- Today I announced that our office will begin negotiations with Diebold Election Systems to implement Alabama’s new centralized voter registration system. Diebold presented an impressive proposal which was the best value for taxpayers.
- If we reach agreement with Diebold on the new statewide system, each county can join me on “equal footing” with the new system as a fresh start for making voter registration as up-to-date and progressive as possible. Enclosed is the press release prepared by our office and sent to the media earlier this afternoon.

FELONIES OF MORAL TURPITUDE AND VOTER REGISTRATION

- Several of you were present at the Registrar Association meeting at which the Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles announced the recent Attorney General’s Opinion regarding felonies of moral turpitude and the restoration of voting rights. Following that meeting our office began a review of that opinion and contacted the A.G.’s Office to discuss the impact of the Opinion on voter registration. Following a series of discussions with representatives of the A.G.’s Office, we forwarded a letter to the Attorney General on behalf of you, the Probate Judges, and our office seeking clarification on his March 18, 2005 Opinion.
- Our request asked (1) whether pre-clearance of the Opinion was necessary prior to implementation, (2) whether the Opinion could be clarified to provide a complete list of crimes of moral turpitude, and (3) what legal action should be implemented to correct any mistaken removal/purges of felons for the last two decades. We requested an expedited review and look forward to sending you the A.G.’s response upon receipt.
- Until we receive the Attorney General’s response to the above questions, I encourage you to avoid any change in current practice until all the legal and administrative issues can be properly resolved. To avoid further confusion and numerous lawsuits, I hope we have a resolution to this matter soon.

VOTER FILE MAINTENANCE

- *I appreciate your hard work on the Voter File Maintenance Process.* After three very tardy counties finally completed their data entry, we had a few setbacks from the state printing agency (i.e., incorrect addresses on the first proof copy, other address/zip code errors on the second proof copy, etc.). Based on current information, the second cards should be mailed out next week.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR ALVIN

- Mickey Moore, head of our Information Systems Division, and Rick Pitts, his associate in Information Systems, have replaced Tracy Cleckler as the technological contacts in our office for ALVIN. Each will be very helpful when you call and have questions (334-242-7222 for Mickey or 334-353-5982 for Rick). Their email addresses are moore@sos.al.gov and rpitts@sos.al.gov
- Mickey and Rick have prepared a booklet enclosed in this mailing to assist each of you with the new “suspension” screen. The new screen will accommodate the legal requirements of the Voter File Maintenance Process. If you have questions, call Mickey or Rick.

Sincerely yours,