April 13, 2011 REV. J. M. FLEMMING 398 OSCAR STREET GREENVILLE, SC 29601

We know that Federal law requires the state to hold hearings for public input on redistricting.

However, I want to remind you as our legislators, that South Carolina is one of the nine states still under Section 5 of the 1965 Voters Rights Act because of a history of discriminatory acts against minority voters.

I point this out because the overwhelming passage by SC House last week of the Voter ID bill is a sign to me that discrimination against minorities is still alive and well in 2011.

Passing a law that will create voting problems for the elderly and the poor is a sign that discrimination against the disenfranchised is still taking place. This makes us less trusting that you will be fair in redistricting.

I request that House Districts 23 and 25 in Greenville County include "Minority Communities of Interests" with lines drawn to ensure majority-minority representation.

I also request that this body provides fairness and transparency to all citizens by making sure that all public hearing summaries, maps, and submitted redistricting plans are placed on the states' redistricting website in a timely manner. Thank you.

Representative James Harrison
Chairman: House Judiciary Committee

Representative Alan Clemmons
Chairman: Election Laws Subcommittee

My name is Martha W. Brock and I am a resident of Cherokee County in South Carolina. After a rewarding 30 year teaching career in our county, I have chosen to become a full time volunteer. It is my hope that I can make a difference in my county and state. I am Chairperson for the South Carolina State Board of Foster Care Review, -and serve on our local 7B Foster Care Review Board. As Chairperson of the Cherokee County Family YMCA Board of Directors, - I chaired the Capital Campaign Committee, funded a new 4+ million dollar facility. I am Chairperson of the Cherokee County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board of Directors serving for over 39 years. I am a Rotarian and have served on various other boards. I serve without compensation because I feel that I need to give back to my Community and State. By accepting these positions, I have had the privilege of working with our local Delegation, especially Representative Dennis Moss. He has always been available and has supported me in my endeavors to help our citizens.

This session, our Legislators not only have the overwhelming task of prioritizing the dwindling budget but also, the task of re-districting our state. At this time Cherokee County has two resident House Members. Representative Dennis Moss lives in the City of Gaffney and Representative Steve Moss lives in the Blacksburg area. I realize that the lines for each district will be drawn by using the population number of 37,000 people and that this may require some shifting in the present districts. With the growth in our boardering counties, they should give up some, if not all, of their areas in Cherokee County to represent the county in which they reside or areas closest to their home residence. At this time, Representative Dennis Moss has constituents in Cherokee, York and Chester counties. Our county is composed of one city , Gaffney, one town Blacksburg and many small communities. The present lines actually split the City of Gaffney into two sections that have different representatives. Rep. Dennis Moss (House District 29) has the middle of the City of Gaffney to the southeastern part of the county while Rep. Steve Moss (Dist.30) has the middle to the northwestern part of the county including all of the Town of Blacksburg. Three communities Ashbury, Goucher, and Macedonia are represented by Rep. Eddie Talon (Dist. 33) in Spartanburg County. These small communities have far more in common with the City of Gaffney. We share the same educational system, government officials, fire and law enforcement protection and share in our local tax base. Representative Moss's time is not used in an efficient manner due to the area he covers. I would like to have him represent -the Gaffney area and divide the county population with the majority staying in House District 29 (Rep D. Moss). The northern part of our county borders the State of North Carolina and as it moves east/southeast it boarders York County. It would - be a more logical solution to allow the City of Gaffney to be in one house district.

Rep. Dennis Moss has seniority amongst our House members. He is known as the "go to guy" in the areas he represents and also in the ones he does not. It is not uncommon to hear, "Call Dennis" in any area of Cherokee County. He knows our needs and has kept them active and alive in Columbia. Gaffney is our county seat and I strongly disagree with it being split down the middle. By changing the lines to be inclusive of the City of Gaffney and surrounding communities, I feel that he will be better able to focus on specific concerns and better represent the people of Cherokee County. As a community leader, I would appreciate your consideration of my request when the issue of re-districting comes before your sub-committee.

Thank you for allowing me to present my feeling and concerns. It is refreshing to know that every citizen can have a say and become part of this process.

Martha W. Brock

Martha W Brock
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Citizen/Community Leader of Cherokee County

April 11, 2011

Dear Representative Alan Clemmons,

I am Sandra Price and I live on White Plains Road in Cherokee County with my husband, Bobby and our son, Brian. We have lived in the Goucher Community all of our lives and moved a few miles up the
road into the White Plains Community 17 years ago. We are active in the Goucher Baptist Church, active in the Recreation Department, and enjoy living in Cherokee County.

As a resident and tax payers, we are aware of the possible changes being made to the District lines. I would like to encourage you to consider changing our area
into House Dist. 29 where Representative Moss would be serving us. In the past, we never saw Mr. Littlejohn even during election time. We met Mr. Tallon and feel he is capable of helping us. However, he is not local. Having someone close, like Mr. Moss, allows us to see him face to face at community functions, ballgames, church outings or the grocery store. Mr. Moss is capable of handling our community needs and I feel our community would support him greatly.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sandra B. Price

Sandra Price
524 White Plains Rd.
Gaffney, SC 29340

April 9, 2011

Representative Alan D. Clemmons
Chairman Election Laws Subcommittee

Dear Chairman Clemmons,

My name is Mike W. Byars and I am a lifelong resident of Cherokee County in South Carolina. My wife and I live at 117 Michael James Road in Cherokee County. My parents resided in Cherokee County until their death. My father, uncles, and cousins have served this Great State of South Carolina in many capacities which include, City Administrator, South Carolina House of Representatives, and South Carolina Highway Commissioner. My children were raised here, and now my grandchildren are as well. I along with my children have attended public schools and are graduates of Gaffney High School. I am the owner and sole proprietor of Mike W. Byars, and Associates, a local surveying business. I am currently serving on the Cherokee County Tax Appeals Board and the Cherokee County Airport Commission. I am president of the Friends of Kings Mountain State Park volunteer organization and on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Croft State Park. My wife is an educator and serves as Association Director for the South Carolina Odyssey of the Mind program. We are very interested in bettering our community for our family, friends, and visitors.

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I am thanking you in advance for doing what is right for South Carolina.

Mike W. Byars

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April 11, 2011

Alan Clemmons
Election Law Sub Committee Chairman
C/O The Honorable Dennis Moss
306 Silver Circle
Gaffney, South Carolina 29341

RE: District 29

Dear Representative Clemmons,

I am requesting that you consider including Macedonia and Love Springs to be included in District 29. I currently reside in the Macedonia community, in Cherokee County and work at Freightliner in Cherokee County.

Based upon the fact that I live within Cherokee County, I would appreciate having a Representative, who also resides in Cherokee County. I do not feel that I am adequately represented by voting in a district that includes so little of the county in which I work, live, and pay taxes. Please consider including these areas in District 29.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Richard Winkler
143 Belmont Road

April 11, 2011

Alan Clemmons
Election Law Sub Committee Chairman
C/O The Honorable Dennis Moss
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Gaffney, South Carolina 29341

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Spearman
Dance Professor – Converse College

April 11, 2011

Representative James H Harrison
Chairman House Judiciary Committee
512 Blatt Building
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Chairman Harrison,

Our names are Becky and Jim Wilson; we live at 106 Fortenberry Road, Gaffney SC and are life residents of Cherokee County.
With the re-districting in our state, we would like to request Rep. Dennis C Moss as our local Legislator.

My entire family lives, works, worships and shops in Cherokee County.
I feel the best representation we can get from our local delegation is one of a Legislator who lives and work in our community.

Representative Dennis Moss is familiar with our business and our needs.
We know he can best serve us as residents of Cherokee County.

We appreciate any consideration you may give our request and look forward to Rep. Dennis Moss as our Representative.

Thank you,
Becky Wilson
Jim Wilson

Jim and Becky Wilson
106 Fortenberry Road
Gaffney SC 29340

Representative Alan Clemmons
Chairman - Election Laws subcommittee

April 8, 2011

Dear Representative Clemmons,

My name is Keith Johnson and I am a life-long resident of Cherokee County in South Carolina residing in the Goucher Community. I am self-employed and own multiple real estate holdings in Cherokee County. I am a retired Broadcaster having owned a Radio Station but more importantly I was the General Manager of Gaffney's oldest Radio Station. My parents resided in Cherokee County until their deaths. Other extended family members continue to reside within the county. Our children attended and graduated (as did I) from Gaffney High School. One son resides in Gaffney where he is a practicing attorney. My wife is a retired school administrator, is serving as Chairperson for the Cherokee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, past president of the Cherokee County Association for Retarded Citizens and has served on the First Steps Board for Cherokee County. We have always been interested in helping our community and making it a better place for us, our friends, and our family members to live. We are proud of the progress made in our community over the past few years.

One of the reasons for our continued progress is our legislative delegation. My wife and I have had the privilege of knowing each member personally for many years and sought out their support and advice on a variety of issues that either concerned us or issues that would impact our community. A concern that I have had in my discussions with the delegation is the district lines and how it is determined who they represent. Living in the District 33 portion of the Cherokee County, we are represented by a delegation member that mainly represents Spartanburg county constituents. The Spartanburg portion of District 33 has 3 municipalities plus the higher populated unincorporated Pacolet Mills. The Cherokee County portion has no densely populated areas. That leaves us with the feeling that we have no political clout at all. Our community is not like Spartanburg County. We live, shop, attend(ed) school, go to church, visit the library, use recreational facilities, seek medical treatment, etc. almost entirely in Cherokee County. Our law enforcement officials are in Cherokee County and we share in the same tax base that supports all of Cherokee County. The needs of our Goucher Community and the others in District 33 are not the same as that in York or Chester. It just makes more sense to take the small portion of District 33 that is Cherokee County and add it to Representative Dennis Moss' district and take some of the extreme outlying portions of that district from York or Chester counties giving him a more compact district. I feel this would make better use of Representative Moss' limited time and with the added bonus of having the people that he knows and know him as their Representative.

Keith and Joette Johnson
1502 Goucher School Rd.
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Joette C. Johnson

April 11, 2011

Alan Clemmons
Election Law Sub Committee Chairman
C/O The Honorable Dennis Moss
306 Silver Circle
Gaffney, South Carolina 29341

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Cherie Winkler

Cherie Winkler
146 Belmont Road

April 11, 2011

Alan Clemmons
Election Law Sub Committee Chairman
C/O The Honorable Dennis Moss
306 Silver Circle
Gaffney, South Carolina 29341

RE: District 29

Dear Representative Clemmons,

I am requesting that you consider including Macedonia and Love Springs in District 29. I currently reside in the Love Springs community, in Cherokee County.

Based upon the fact that I live within Cherokee County, I would appreciate having a Representative, who also resides in Cherokee County. Throughout the past few years, when assistance has been needed, I have always contacted Representative Dennis Moss. Until the most recent election when I received mailings from Representative Tallon, I never received any communication or met the prior representative, as efforts for election were focused in Spartanburg County.

I feel that the needs of Cherokee County and its residents would be better served, if Macedonia and Love Springs were placed within the representation of a Cherokee County resident. Please consider including these areas in District 29.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

David L. Shytles

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Donnie L. Hardin
1717 South Green River Road
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April 7, 2011
Representative James H. Harrison
Chairman House Judiciary Committee
512 Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Harrison,
My name is Donnie Hardin and I am a lifelong resident of Cherokee County in South Carolina. I live in the Macedonia community at 1717 South Green River Road in Cherokee County. I am the General Manager of the Gaffney Board of Public Works and I currently serve as the Chairman of the Macedonia Water Works Board of Directors.

I understand the South Carolina Legislature is currently working on re-districting our state. Currently Cherokee County has two resident House Members. Representative Steve Moss (District 30) has the northwestern part of the county including Blacksburg and Representative Dennis Moss (District 29) has the southeastern part of the county including about one-half of the City of Gaffney. Three small communities Asbury, Goucher, and Macedonia are represented by Representative Eddie Talon (District 33) of Spartanburg County. With the exception of our South Carolina House Representative, these communities are very closely aligned and have a lot in common with the Gaffney. Our children attend the same school district, we receive all out other governmental services from the same officials, and we share the same local tax base. Our lives are closely intertwined with Cherokee County and the City of Gaffney.

I would like to request that the Asbury, Goucher, and Macedonia communities be included with Cherokee County and the entire City of Gaffney in District 29 with Representative Dennis Moss. It appears to me that the fairest and most logical district would have District 29 include most of Cherokee County and all of the City of Gaffney. Based on the new census, I am sure Spartanburg County, especially on the western side, has grown enough to allow District 33 to include more of Spartanburg County and allow these communities to join the City of Gaffney and the majority of Cherokee County in one district. In addition to providing better representation, this should provide for a more efficient use of time and resources.

I appreciate you allowing me to participate in this process and I would greatly appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jimmy W. Lamb
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April 11, 2011
Representative Alan D. Clemmons
Chairman, Election Laws Sub-Committee
522B Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Clemmons,

My name is Jimmy Lamb and I reside at 599 Goucher School Rd, Gaffney which is in the Goucher community of Cherokee County. I serve as the Fire Chief of the Goucher-White Plains Fire Department and am very active locally in many community service groups.

It is my understanding that the South Carolina Legislature is currently re-districting our state. It has long been a concern of mine that my community is in house district 33. Having worked in Spartanburg County while residing in Cherokee County; I've seen the vast differences in the makeup of both counties. Cherokee County is a smaller county with our own unique issues that are very different than Spartanburg County. Cherokee County people are "hometown people" whose lives are closely intertwined with Cherokee County. If there is an issue that arises in my community, our citizens go to local officials to get answers. As the Fire Chief, I deal with local officials including Cherokee County Council, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, Cherokee County Fire Departments and other Cherokee County organizations. However, as the lines are currently drawn, if I have an issue that needs to be addressed at the state level, I have to go outside of my county for my local representative. This puts us at an unfair disadvantage when seeking representation. Our representative may be pressed by the larger population of Spartanburg County to make decisions and be in favor of issues that my benefit Spartanburg County, but not be in the best interest of Cherokee County. This is in no way a reflection on our current Representative Eddie Talon as I have the utmost admiration and respect for him. It is simply difficult for a person in that position to vote in favor of an issue supporting Cherokee County when more of their constituents are from the Spartanburg area.

I would like to recommend that the Goucher community as well as any other communities in Cherokee County under House District 33 be redrawn to be included in House District 29, currently represented by Dennis Moss. This would allow more appropriate representation for us. As Spartanburg County is growing, I'm confident that the population in district 33 is growing as well and this move would allow that representative to focus more on issues related to their Spartanburg County constituents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jimmy Lamb, Fire Chief

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April 11, 2011

Representative James H Harrison
Chairman House Judiciary Committee
512 Blatt Building
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Chairman Harrison,

I am Alan McEntire, a business owner and also serve on the Cherokee County School Board for District 7. I represent the Macedonia and Goucher Area.

I feel that our representation in the Legislature should be of one who resides in our County.
Having a county resident who lives and volunteers in our own community will be more committed to the tax payers in Columbia

Cherokee County is a close community; we appreciate knowing the people who represent us in Columbia. I would like to request Rep. Dennis C Moss to represent my community of Goucher.

I appreciate any consideration you will give to the Goucher community.
Representative Dennis C Moss is familiar with our business and our needs.
We know he can best serve the residents of Cherokee County.

We appreciate any consideration you may give our request and look forward to Rep. Dennis Moss as our Representative.

Sincerely,

Alan McEntire

April 10, 2010

Dear Representative Alan Clemmons,

My name is Stephanie Henderson and I am a resident of Cherokee County. My husband, John and I live at 491 Fortanberry Road in the Goucher community and have resided here all my life. I am very active in Cherokee County serving on the board of the Gaffney Little Theatre. John works at the Cherokee County Detention Center. We have an 8th grade daughter presently at Ewing Middle School.

My husband and I are concerned and feel that our representation in the Legislature should be one who resides in Cherokee County. I do realize the lines for each district are drawn according to population, but with the growth in our area I feel Representative Dennis Moss, House District 29, would be better suited to handle the needs of his county from which he resides.

Representative Dennis Moss has assisted me and my family on numerous occasions even though he is not over Goucher Community in Cherokee county. I would like to express my support for the Election Law Subcommittee to consider allowing Representative Dennis Moss to represent Goucher and Corinth communities. These communities will feel more comfortable having a Representative that they know and live by to support them in the Legislature.

Thanks in advance to your time and consideration in this matter and I pray you will do the right thing for all of Cherokee County.

John and Stephanie Henderson

Stephanie Henderson

John Henderson

491 Fortanberry Road

Gaffney, SC 29340

864-489-5929

April 11, 2011

Representative James H Harrison
Chairman House Judiciary Committee
512 Blatt Building
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Dear Chairman Harrison,

My name is Cindy Childers and I am a life resident of Cherokee County.
I understand the SC Legislature is currently working on re-districting our state.

My entire family lives, works, worships and shops in Cherokee county.
I live within a mile of Rep. Dennis C Moss District and I have contacted him on a couple of occasions for assistance even though he is not my Representative. He has been more than kind to assist me when I have asked.

I would like to request the Draytonville District to be included in the area Rep. Dennis C Moss serves.

I feel it is important for the voters to know their Representative and to be familiar with the needs of their community.

Thank you,

Cindy Childers

Cindy Childers
1931 Ford Road
Gaffney SC 29340

M. BROOKS MOSS, P.A.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

April 11, 2011

Alan Clemmons
Election Law Sub Committee Chairman
C/O The Honorable Dennis Moss
306 Silver Circle
Gaffney, South Carolina 29341

RE: Redistricting

Dear Representative Clemmons,

I am aware that redistricting is currently being considered. I am requesting that you consider including Macedonia and Love Springs in District 29. I reside in the Love Springs community, in Cherokee County. My current representative's district is mainly Spartanburg County. My current representative is an excellent representative and my request is not related to his ability to serve.

Based upon the fact that I work and live within Cherokee County, I would appreciate having a Representative, who also resides in Cherokee County. Throughout the past few years, when assistance has been needed, I have always contacted Dennis Moss personally. I have enjoyed working with Representative Moss through numerous community activities and events.

I feel that the needs of Cherokee County and its residents would be better served, if the outlying areas were placed within the representation of a Cherokee County resident. The outlying areas of Corinth, Love Springs, and Macedonia were previously in district 29 and 30, which are the two main districts within Cherokee County. When reapportionment occurred, these areas were thrust into Spartanburg County districts. Such was a disregard for the needs of the citizens of Cherokee County. Please consider including these areas in District 29.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

M. Brooks Moss

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Hon. Alan Clemmons
Chairman, Election Laws Subcommittee

My name is Bill Gibbons. As a radio newsman for 10 years and a newspaper editor for 20 years, all in Cherokee County, I am well aware of the ups and downs of politics in this county and in the state. I am aware of the complications of drawing lines and the whole process of redistricting. I do not envy your task and that of the committee.

What I would like to see is as many representatives as possible serving the people of the county in which they live. First, I believe it better serves the citizens of the county and second, I feel that anyone who represents a county in which he or she resides is a better public servant.

Rep. Dennis Moss is my district representative. He does an outstanding job and I'm sure he serves those he represents in York and Chester counties well also. Our county also has another very fine member of the House. Rep. Steve Moss resides in the Blacksburg area and serves that and other areas of Cherokee County. I'm sure he serves his constituents well also. However, three communities of the county namely Asbury, Goucher and Macedonia, are represented by Rep. Eddie Tallon. I do not know much about Rep. Tallon but I'm certain he is a fine man. It is not my intention to cast any negativity on him. I am merely pleading that you do all you can to see that Rep. Dennis Moss is allowed to serve these remaining communities of Cherokee County. These communities share everything in common with the county residents served by Rep. Dennis Moss. I believe it would be more efficient and more practical to bring these communities in. I realize that all of this rides on population. However, I feel that sometimes we have drawn lines just to satisfy the census and have not considered the makeup of the communities involved. Hopefully, population growth will justify changes and Rep. Tallon's District 33 will be expanded in Spartanburg County. Also, we hope that there will be enough change in York and Chester counties to allow some adjustment there.

As I mentioned, I would not like to have your task in redistricting. I have found that my member of the House, Dennis Moss, has been a tremendous help to those in his district and those who are not. To me he seems to be equally as interested in those who cannot vote for him as those who can. He has always been willing to be of service to any South Carolinian who seeks his assistance. I do however feel his task would be made easier and his time better utilized if he could represent the remaining areas of our county. I have staffed many stories and written numerous editorials both in agreement and disagreement with our elected representatives. However, I can say in all honesty that South Carolina during my years of coverage seems to do whatever necessary to advance the process in the best interest of the Palmetto State.

Thank you for allowing me this time and space. Also, I would appreciate any consideration you give to this cause. I wish you well and look forward to a successful realignment

.Sincerely,

722 Corinth Rd
Gaffney, SC 29340

April 10, 2010

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I am thanking you in advance for doing what is right for South Carolina.

Mike W. Byars

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Steven C. Blanton, Jr. *Chairman*

April 13, 2011

Patrick Dennis, Chief Counsel
Judiciary Council
South Carolina House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
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Mr. Patrick Dennis:

Thank you for affording citizens the opportunity to have a voice on the redistricting of South Carolina. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Cherokee County Republican Party. I was elected in 2009 and re-elected to the position on April 11 for another two year term.

While this is obviously the moment the constitution affords legislators the opportunity to select their voters, I hope their selection is for the common good of the people and not for the benefit of a few.

Since 2007, the South Carolina House representation of Cherokee County has seen many changes. All legislators that represented parts of our county through the past two redistricting plans have been replaced. This process affords new opportunities for our fairly new legislative delegation. Cherokee County is very fortunate to be represented by three hardworking House Members: Dennis Moss of District 29, Steve Moss of District 30, and Eddie Tallon of District 33. They each do their part to be involved in the community and to represent the needs of their districts. The voters know their legislators; they know who to reach out to when a need arises in their district. This representation awareness can only be reinforced by our legislators workings together to preserve as much of their current district plan as possible. We are very well served by the three districts we have because they are well linked with the areas surrounding Cherokee County.

I hope the South Carolina House of Representatives can develop a plan for redistricting that least disrupts representation in the Cherokee County.

Thank you for your time and care in handling this decision.

With sincerest respect, I remain

Sincerely,

Steven C. Blanton, Jr.
Chairman

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