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July 15, 2010

David Blackwood, Esquire
General Counsel
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
624 Ninth Street, NW, Suite 620
Washington, DC 20425RE: Submission of Sworn Statement
New Black Panther Party Hearing

Dear Mr. Blackwood:

Enclosed please find my sworn statement regarding my experience as Special Counsel for Voting Matters at the U.S. Department of Justice from 2007-2008 that relates to the Commission's examination of the Justice Department's handling of voter intimidation litigation involving the New Black Panther Party. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Yours very truly,



Karl S. Bowers, Jr.

which in turn ensured them the free and unencumbered opportunity to exercise their franchise.

7. In my role as Voting Counsel, I quickly became familiar with the politically charged atmosphere among many of the career attorneys in the Civil Rights Division generally, and in the Voting Section in particular. While I had the privilege to work with many dedicated and responsible career attorneys in the Civil Rights Division during my tenure, it was apparent that many other career attorneys in the Division made decisions and recommendations that were driven not by the rule of law but by personal political and/or racial agendas designed to engineer specific results.

8. In my experience, there was a pervasive culture in the Civil Rights Division and within the Voting Section of apathy, and in some cases outright hostility, towards race-neutral enforcement of voting rights laws among large segments of career attorneys. On the other hand, there was at times almost rabid support for enforcement or appellate recommendations that lacked strong substantive legal support but happened to coincide with the political agendas of career attorneys and private activist advocacy groups.

This concludes my sworn personal statement.

July 15, 2010


KARL S. BOWERS, JR.

Sworn to before me this 15th day of July, 2010.



Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: 10/13/15

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Commission Expires Oct. 13, 2015