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The Honorable Bill Galvano
Chair, Committee on Reapportionment
Room 2000, The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32303-1100

The Honorable Jose Oliva
Chair, Select Committee on Redistricting
Room 418, The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Re: Remedial Senate Map Drawing Process

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed your exchange of letters which established "an agreement with regard to the initial process" to develop proposed maps for consideration by the Legislature in the Special Session of the Legislature which is scheduled to convene on Monday October 19, 2015.

Those letters indicate that there has been agreement on the following process:

- That staff "draw multiple base maps using different methodologies."
- That counsel for the Senate and House of Representatives "advise the map drawers on the specific types of methodologies to be used as well as other factors to be considered."
- That the methodologies and principles that guide each map be documented."
- That all meetings of the map drawers and their work on the base map, including meetings where they are advised by counsel, be recorded."

ANDY GARDINER
President of the Senate

GARRETT RICHTER
President Pro Tempore

- That “House and Senate Counsel ... present the map drawers with methodologies on which both sides can agree ... [and that] counsel should issue a joint memo to the map drawers that outlines in writing the mutually agreed-upon methodologies.”
- That Members of the Legislature who may wish to propose an amendment to the base map be advised that “they, too, must follow the methodology and principles of the underlying base map.”

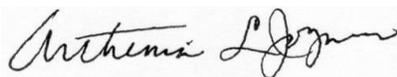
In light of this agreed process, not otherwise approved by either the Senate or the House of Representatives, the Democratic members of the Florida Senate request that they, as well as the public, be provided copies of the “mutually agreed-upon methodologies” as well as recordings of any meetings between counsel for the Senate and the House of Representatives at which these methodologies were discussed as well as recordings of any meetings between counsel and the map drawers and/or any member of the Senate or House of Representatives at which these methodologies have been discussed.

In addition, the Democratic members of the Florida Senate request that they, as well as the public, be provided copies of the recordings of all meetings of the map drawers while they work on the base maps, including meetings where they are advised by counsel, contemporaneously as they occur. This will allow the members of the Senate – as well as the public – to assess the credibility of the process in real time.

We all seek development of a Senate plan that is compliant with the standards set forth in Article III, Section 21, of the State Constitution. A truly transparent process will allow the public to judge our work product in this remedial process.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthenia Joyner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the last letter.

Arthenia Joyner
Senate Democratic Leader