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Minnesota Special Redistricting Panel
The Honorable Wilhelmina M. Wright, Presiding Judge
c/o Clerk of Appellate Courts
305 Minnesota Judicial Center
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: *Sara Hippert, et al. v. Mark Ritchie, et al.*
Case Number A11-152

Dear Special Redistricting Panel:

During Wednesday's oral argument, Mr. Weinblatt made a "special request" to the Panel that it issue an Order that any facilities or software used by the State or the Panel should be made available to all of the parties. I assume that Mr. Weinblatt was referring to the Maptitude software. I have had the opportunity to research Mr. Weinblatt's request. My understanding is that both of the political parties already have the Maptitude software, thus this appears to be solely a request of Mr. Weinblatt.

I have learned that Maptitude is a licensed software, which costs at least \$5,000. Thus, the State could not simply give a copy of the software to Mr. Weinblatt. We object to any order requiring the State to purchase the software for Mr. Weinblatt or any other party, and there would be no basis for such an order. As a result, the Panel should deny Mr. Weinblatt's "special request."

Sincerely,

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