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Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

February 24, 2012

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Information on Defense of Marriage Act Litigation

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the Attorney General's letter to you under 28 U.S.C. § 530D, dated February 17, 2012, as well as his letter of February 23, 2011, we are providing follow up information concerning another pending case where 28 U.S.C. §§ 101(3), (31) and Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act have been challenged under the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment, and where the Department of Justice will cease defense of those provisions from such a challenge. This case is *Cooper-Harris, et al. v. United States, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-00887 (C.D. Cal). A response to the plaintiffs' complaint would be due on April 2, 2012. While we will remain a party to this case in order to represent the interests of the United States, we are notifying you in order to provide Congress a full and fair opportunity to participate in the litigation. Should you have any questions regarding participation in these matters, please direct them to Judith C. Appelbaum, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, at 202-514-2141.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide additional assistance regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Weich".

Ronald Weich  
Assistant Attorney General