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William A. Brewer III  
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Re: Complaint of Dumas ISD's Alleged Violation of the Voting Rights Act

Dear Mr. Brewer,

The Underwood Law Firm, P.C., represents Dumas Independent School District ("District" or "Dumas ISD"). The Superintendent has forwarded to me your letter addressed to Ms. Patty Willis, President of the District's Board of Trustees, dated March 6, 2024, alleging violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Please address any future communications concerning this matter to me.

Dumas ISD believes its elections comply with federal and state law, and that its cumulative, at-large voting system does not deny or abridge the rights of minority voters. Nonetheless, please be assured that the District considers your complaint, and its duty to provide fair elections, to be a serious matter that will be given substantive consideration. The District has started evaluating its current system, including past candidates, prior election results and current demographic data and is open to possible changes to ensure that minority voters have an equal opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice. However, it will take more than seven days for the District to research this matter and respond with an outline of its intended actions. Although I appreciate your request for a prompt response, the District did not receive your letter until the afternoon of March 7, 2024, and is on Spring Break this entire week of March 11th. Further, any intended actions concerning the District's voting system must be thoroughly researched and then addressed by the District's Board of Trustees. Therefore, the District is simply unable to respond with an outline of its intended actions within the time you requested.

The District is not opposed to sharing proposed actions and if needed, is willing to work cooperatively with the Brewer Storefront to ensure its elections are fair and consistent with federal and state election law.

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If you have any questions while the District is assessing this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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