

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

Derek Hamilton, et al., : Case No.  
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 Plaintiffs, :  
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 vs. : Judge  
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 Ashland County Board of Elections and its :  
 members in their official capacities, et al., :  
 : Magistrate Judge  
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 Defendants. :  
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**DECLARATION OF MARKUS H. BARRETT**

I, Markus H. Barrett, being of sound mind and with personal knowledge of the facts, do make this declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. ¶ 1746(2), under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and am over eighteen years old. I have resided in the State of Ohio and the Mohican Juvenile Correction Facility in Ashland County in excess of thirty days immediately before the election on November 4, 2008. I am not scheduled to be released before November 4, 2008.

2. I filled out an application to register to vote on or about October 6, 2008. I gave my application to Laurie Wen who told me she would hand deliver it to the Ashland County Board of Elections on October 6, 2008.

3. I believe I received a notice from the board of elections confirming my registration. But I am not sure.

4. On October 23, 2008, I received a notice from the Ashland County Board of Elections that my registration was being challenged at a hearing on October 24, 2008.

5. By the time I received the notice about the hearing, I did not have enough time to get a court order to allow me to attend the hearing. Nor could I find an attorney to represent to me. The facility did not allow me to attend the hearing.

6. I have since learned that the Board of Elections decided to cancel my registration at the hearing.

7. It is very important to me that I vote on November 4, 2008 because I want to make a difference.

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

  
Markus H. Barrett

Dated: October 26, 2008