

**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 DEREK HAMILTON**

I, Derek Hamilton, 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 eighteen years old. I have lived 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. On or about October 6, 2008, I filled out an application to register to vote. 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. On October 23, 2008, I received a notice from the Ashland County Board of Elections stating that my registration was being challenged at a hearing on October 24, 2008.

4. By the time I received the notice, I didn't have time to get a court order to attend the hearing or to find a lawyer to represent me. I was told by the facility that the hearing would be postponed since we had just gotten notice the day before.

5. I have been told that the Board of Elections decided to cancel my registration at the hearing.

6. My voting rights are very important to me – especially now that I have a young son. There are a lot of issues that matter to me and my family and it is very important to me that I make my voice be heard by voting.

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

Derek Hamilton  
Derek Hamilton

Dated: October 26, 2008