

**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 JAVON D. PATTON

I, Javon D. Patton, 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 nineteen 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 a voter registration form. I gave the form to Laurie Wen who told me she would hand deliver it to the Ashland County Board of Elections on October 6, 2008.

3. Several days after I completed my registration, I got a card from the Board of Elections confirming my registration.


4. 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.

5. 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. Because of the short notice, I wasn't able to attend the hearing.

6. I've since learned that the Board of Elections canceled my registration at the hearing.

7. Voting is a big part of being an American. I want to vote so that I can make my voice heard on how the country should be run.

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



Javon D. Patton

Dated: October 26, 2008