



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

Derek Hamilton, et al.,	:	Case No.
Plaintiffs,	:	
vs.	:	Judge
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 CHEVIN JOSEPH ROUGHT**

I, Chevin Joseph Rought, 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. Because of the short notice, I wasn't able to attend the hearing.

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

6. I want to vote for a couple of important reasons. First, I want to make my voice heard. Second, I just recently had a son. When my boy is old enough to understand, I want to tell him that I voted in my first election. I want to set an example for him to follow when he is old enough to vote.

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



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Chevin Joseph Rought

Dated: October 26, 2008