

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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| EMILY ECHOLS , a minor child, by and through) | Civil Action No. |
| her next friends, TIM AND WINDY ECHOLS ,) | 02-cv-633-KLH-CKK-RJL |
| <i>et al.</i> ,) |) |
|) | <i>consolidated with</i> |
| <i>Plaintiffs</i> ,) | 02-cv-582-KLH-CKK-RJL |
|) | (lead case) |
|) | <i>and</i> |
| -vs-) | 02-cv-581-KLH-CKK-RJL |
|) | 02-cv-751-KLH-CKK-RJL |
| FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION ,) | 02-cv-753-KLH-CKK-RJL |
| <i>et al.</i> ,) | 02-cv-754-KLH-CKK-RJL |
|) | 02-cv-781-KLH-CKK-RJL |
| <i>Defendants</i> .) | 02-cv-874-KLH-CKK-RJL |
|) | 02-cv-875-KLH-CKK-RJL |
|) | 02-cv-877-KLH-CKK-RJL |
|) | 02-cv-881-KLH-CKK-RJL |

DECLARATION OF TIMECHOLS

I, Tim Echols, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Georgia:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Georgia.
2. I am above the age of 18, and I am competent to testify to the truth of the matters asserted in this Declaration.
3. I am married to Windy Echols.
4. We are the parents of seven children.
5. Our oldest child is a daughter, Emily Echols.
6. Emily is 13 years old.
7. She was born on December 24, 1988, in Georgia.
8. As a family we have provided for Emily's education through both private,

Christian schools and through home schooling, rather than by sending her out to a local public school.

9. In addition, we have arranged for her to receive education and training related to citizen participation in the government process by having her attend and participate in Teen Pact.

10. Teen Pact is a non-profit ministry that I founded in 1993 after working several years with Campus Crusade for Christ.

11. We are members of Grove Level Baptist Church.

12. I have been ordained as a minister of the gospel.

13. As a ministry, Teen Pact has adopted a Statement of Faith, expressing our enduring understanding of the essential truths of our Christian faith. Our statement of faith acknowledges that we believe:

a. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and practice;

b. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

c. That Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Furthermore, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God the Father. He is now our High Priest and Advocate;

d. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit which glorifies Jesus Christ, by

convicting of sin, regenerating the believing sinner, indwelling, guiding, instructing and empowering the believer for Godly living and service;

e. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained;

f. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God;

g. That water baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during this present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation;

h. That the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the Head;

i. In the personal and second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and,

j. In the bodily resurrection of the dead, of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

14. Teen Pact is a nonprofit organization that provides instruction on the legislative and political process; it accomplishes its educational purposes by hosting young people in their state capitals for a four day period of intensive training and activities:

a. At TeenPact our major objective is to break down the intimidation that many have about involvement in our civil government. Surprisingly to some, public servants are

available and desirous to meet citizens - regardless of age - who live within their district. We want students to see that the future of our country is dependent upon their involvement.

b. One of the ways that we pursue this objective is by making the unfamiliar and challenging less threatening and manageable. We have found that you cannot go into a Legislature anywhere in the country and not be inundated with paper: bills, amendments, disclosures, rosters, code sections, committee reports. Even for adults, they all seem so confusing at first. By exposing them to these documents and explaining the role they serve in the process of law-making, Teen Pact students leave the Capitol with a better idea of the importance of each document and how they can use them as citizens for the rest of their lives.

c. Another approach we use in Teen Pact is to help our students learn the basics of parliamentary procedure and debate. We explain procedure and debate, and more importantly, we provide our students the fun and educational opportunity to put their learning into practice. Students write their own bills and work to see them passed by the TeenPact Legislature during the week that they spend participating in the program.

d. Of course, working with a legislature requires knowing where it is, and where the offices of legislators are, and where committee and caucus rooms and hearing rooms are. So we also help our students learn their way around the State Capitol. Amazingly, just feeling comfortable with the surroundings and knowing your way around does a lot to help our students feel like this is their Capitol and a place they want to come back to.

e. Bearing in mind that we are a ministry, the week our students spend in their State capitols deliberately includes regular devotional times and Bible study. Students

begin each morning with music as they sing hymns and familiar choruses. TeenPact Student Staff lead their peers through a devotional on great political leaders found throughout to Bible.

f. During the State Capitol session, our TeenPact students have the opportunity to hear presentations by important and influential people in their state, and also to interact with them personally. Many of these political leaders enjoy spending time with our students and often share candid insights that inspire students to aspire for positions of leadership. One of the goals of our ministry is that every student will meet and encourage their legislators.

15. As a result of her participation in Teen Pact's activities, Emily understands parliamentary procedure and the election process.

16. In addition to Teen Pact, our home schooling program has provided Emily with information about the government and its operation.

17. As a family, we consider citizen involvement in government, legislative processes and politics to be an important duty.

18. As a family we have assisted with campaign activities of candidates whose positions on important issues is consistent with our understanding of sound, Biblically based morality and governance.

19. Emily is very interested in politics, to the extent of volunteering to support campaigns of candidates.

20. I am aware that legal limits on the amount of money that I can give to a candidate for federal office have been enacted by Congress.

21. I am also aware that federal law prohibits me from giving money to a candidate

for federal office in the name of another, even in the name of one of my children.

22. I have never used my daughter's name, or any other person's, in making a political donation, in order to avoid limits that the law places on my ability to support candidates of whom I approve.

23. Emily is a bright and engaging young lady, and also quite responsible and entrepreneurial; she has demonstrated her responsibility and entrepreneurial inclination by starting a business offering horse riding lessons, and a week long summer day camp focused on horse riding instruction.

24. Emily's business has produced an income for her, and she has funds from that business that she has placed in a savings account, and some funds that she keeps on hand to use for various things.

25. Emily controls the money she has earned, paying her tithes to the Lord, using some proceeds for the feeding and care of her horse and mule, and depositing some into savings.

26. Emily is quite responsible. She began her business to afford the expenses related to having a horse. She has used monies she earned in the business to care for her horse.

Further your declarant sayeth not.

I hereby declare that the foregoing statement is true and correct under the penalty of perjury of the State of Georgia. Done this ____ day of _____, 2002.

Tim Echols