

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

<b>EMILY ECHOLS</b> , a minor child, by and through )	Civil Action No.
her next friends, <b>TIM AND WINDY ECHOLS</b> , )	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
<b>FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION</b> , )	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
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**DECLARATION OF ISAAC MCDOW**

I, Isaac McDow, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Alabama:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Alabama.
2. I am a minor, 14 years of age, and was born on March 16, 1988.
3. Although I am not an adult, I understand that it is important to speak truthfully about the facts that I know, and admit honestly when I do not know something; I understand that not telling the truth in this statement would be a wrongful thing, and that I have the duty under the law to tell the truth.
4. Although I am not an adult, I understand the difference between facts and fantasy, and that my duty in making this statement is to testify to facts, and to avoid making up things that I cannot remember or do not know.
5. My parents are Tim and Donna McDow.

6. I am their fourth child.
7. We live in Shelby County, Alabama.
8. I am home-schooled, and this year I will be starting into the ninth grade.
9. In addition to my home-school studies about civics, government and history, I have learned about legislation and politics, by attending training programs sponsored by Teen Pact.
10. Teen Pact is an organization that teaches Christian students about the work of legislators and lawmakers, and about the basic operation of the political process in our country and our states:
  - a. Teen Pact teaches kids about state legislation and political activities.
  - b. We listen to speakers, study materials, and have activities that allow us to look close up at legislative and political activities on the state level.
  - c. Also, we interviewed lobbyists at the legislature, and we heard from some legislators, and had the opportunity to ask them questions.
  - d. Participating in the Teen Pact programs has given me an understanding of how state legislatures work, including the process in the legislature and the outside activities of lobbyists and others who influence legislation.
  - e. I have become interested in government, politics and legislation, and the training at Teen Pact has increased my interest in these subjects, as well as my understanding.
11. As a result of my learning about legislation, government and politics, I have been involved in helping certain candidates for election in their campaigns.
12. I am a Christian.

13. By that, I mean that I have accepted the gift of salvation that comes through Jesus Christ and His death on the cross.

14. As a Christian I would like to spread the faith inside the legislative process, and hope that the result of that will be to affect our country, change its direction, and hopefully, cause it to end legalized abortion.

15. I also believe, as a principal of my faith, that it is important for persons who are followers of Christ to be involved in politics and in governing our Nation.

16. Even more important than what I think, I know that the Bible teaches us to be good stewards of all the things that have been entrusted to us by God; from that teaching in the Bible I believe that we have the responsibility to be involved in the political process and the campaign process in order to make sure that we are being faithful stewards of God's gifts to us.

17. I actively research and study the candidates for election to various offices of interest to me, asking questions of others and studying information I obtain from their campaigns and on the Internet.

18. As I understand the new campaign reform law, after November 5, 2002, until I reach my eighteenth birthday, I will not be allowed to give my money to candidates for elective federal office, including candidates for the Presidency, for the Senate and for the House.

19. In addition, as I understand it, after November 5, 2002, until I reach my eighteenth birthday, I will not be allowed to give money to any committees of political parties.

20. Being barred from supporting candidates who share my beliefs, opinions, and views, deprives me of the ability that I currently have to give money to such candidates, and takes away a means I have of expressing two different things: my support for the candidate, and

my association with the candidate toward common goals.

21. Being denied the ability to give money to federal candidates and the committees of political parties interferes with my free choice to spend my own money as I choose, and with my decision to associate myself with a candidate or a party because of his or her or its beliefs, opinions, and views.

22. As things stand now, I am free to donate money to a candidate of my choosing, and in doing so, I am able to express my support for that candidate, and my affiliation with his or her beliefs, opinions and views.

23. Although I am young, I do have my own money, that is under my direction and control.

24. I earn money several different ways:

- a. I earn money for cutting the lawn.
- b. I make small Christmas crafts and sell them.

25. When I earn money, I put it into my savings account, and I draw it out when I need it.

26. I plan and intend to give money to candidates for federal office and committees of political parties, as I find those candidates and committees that I can support consistent with my faith in Christ.

27. My parents have never forced me to spend my money in one way or another, except responsibly. If I wanted to do so, I could spend it in many ways; but when the new law goes into effect, one way I will not be free to spend my own money is to support federal candidates with whom I agree.

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 Alabama. Done this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2002.

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Isaac McDow