

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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> ,))
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<i>Plaintiffs</i> ,)	<i>consolidated with</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 PAMELA MITCHELL

I, Pamela Mitchell, hereby declare under penalty of perjury of the State of Florida:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Florida.
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 Charles Mitchell.
4. We are the parents of three children.
5. Our youngest child is a daughter, Jessica Mitchell.
6. Jessica is twelve years old.
7. She was born on February 21, 1990, in Florida.

8. As a family we have chosen to provide for Jessica's education at home, rather than by sending her out to a local public or other school.

9. In addition, along with her older sister, 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 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. As a result of her participation in Teen Pact's activities, she understands parliamentary procedure and she has learned about how people are elected to office. Of course, we all still have a lot to learn, but together we are in the process of understanding how the system works.

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

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

13. During the 2000 presidential campaign, we were involved in George Bush's campaign very heavily. We went to many of his rallies. We took absentee ballots around and collected those. We worked in the Orange County mail-room and sent out mailers. We walked precincts.

14. We are also helping now with Governor Bush's re-election campaign coming up in the next couple weeks.

15. Our involvement in both of these campaigns, past and present, is a family thing.

16. In other words, we did many of the campaign activities together, as a family, except, of course, during the Presidential campaign, our son was at college at that time so he could not participate with us directly. But Jessica did, as did her older sister, Julia. We all went down and did the stamping. Jessica walked one of the precincts with us, too. And she attended the rallies with us.

17. Jessica has expressed an interest in politics, even at her young age, and has willingly participated as a volunteer and supporter in the campaign activities I mentioned above.

18. 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.

19. 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, whether Jessica, who is a minor, or James and Julia, who are adults.

20. 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.

21. Jessica has an entrepreneurial inclination, and has acted on that inclination, even at this young age by investigating, selecting, beginning and operating her own business.

22. Jessica's pet-sitting 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.

23. Jessica controls the money she has earned; she chooses whether and how to spend her money. Admittedly, she always consults with her dad and me, and on occasion we have

asked her to give further thought to an intended purchase, but we have never prohibited her from spending her money as she chose to do.

24. Jessica is a responsible child. She began her pet-sitting business so that she could afford the expenses related to having and raising a dog. She has used monies she earned in the pet-sitting business to care for her dog, and, she has also used some of those funds to repair or replace personal property here at the house that her dog damaged while it was a puppy.

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 Florida. Done this ____ day of _____, 2002.

Pamela Mitchell