

IN UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

VICTORIA JACKSON GRAY ADAMS, <i>et. al.,</i>	)	Civil Action No.
	)	02-cv-877-KLH-CKK-RJL
<i>Plaintiffs,</i>)	
	)	<i>consolidated with</i>
	)	02-cv-582-KLH-CKK-RJL
	)	(lead case)
-vs-)	
	)	<i>and</i>
	)	02-cv-581-KLH-CKK-RJL
	)	02-cv-633-KLH-CKK-RJL
THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION	)	02-cv-751-KLH-CKK-RJL
<i>et al.,</i>	)	02-cv-753-KLH-CKK-RJL
	)	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-881-KLH-CKK-RJL

Declaration of Stephanie L. Wilson

I, Stephanie L. Wilson, declare as follows:

1. I am a registered and qualified voter in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
2. I serve as the executive director of the Fannie Lou Hamer Project, a national grassroots organization dedicated to redefining campaign finance as a civil rights issue. The Fannie Lou Hamer Project, named after a legendary civil rights worker from Mississippi, advocates for equal participation of all citizens in the political process, regardless of economic status.

3. I have never missed an election since I turned 18. My mother always instilled in us the importance of our right to vote, and as part of our high school graduation packets, each of us received a voter registration card.

4. The only campaign contribution I have ever made was for fifteen dollars to a candidate running for state representative in Michigan. I have three children, ages thirteen, ten, and six. My fiancée and I live on a monthly budget based on one income and we focus solely on meeting our family's basic needs, such as food, clothes, shelter, lights, and gas. I cannot afford to make large contributions to candidates of my choice.

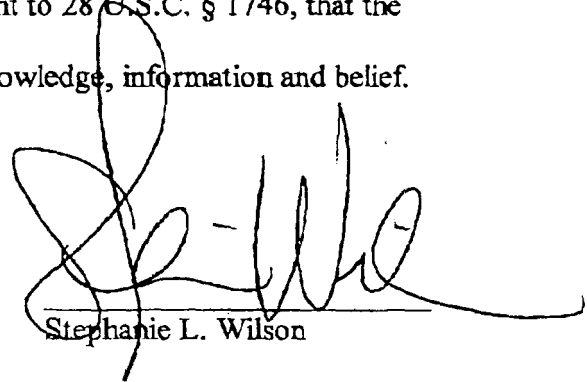
5. The increases in the hard money contribution limits of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act further moves me away from being able to participate in the political process. My fifteen dollars will definitely be no match for a wealthy person's contribution of \$2,000. I'm getting less representation and less democracy under the current system. With these increases, I'm going to get no representation and no democracy.

6. As an African-American woman, I recognize that my community will be disproportionately harmed by these increases since we are disproportionately poorer. By and large, people of color are not the ones financing our elections today, and we are not the ones redeeming the rewards and benefits of representation in government. These increases will only further that disparity.

7. The increases in the hard money contribution limits will allow wealthy contributors to drown out my voice in the political process. The increases will prevent me from being able to participate in the electoral process on an equal basis.

I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

This 3rd day of October, 2002.



Stephanie L. Wilson